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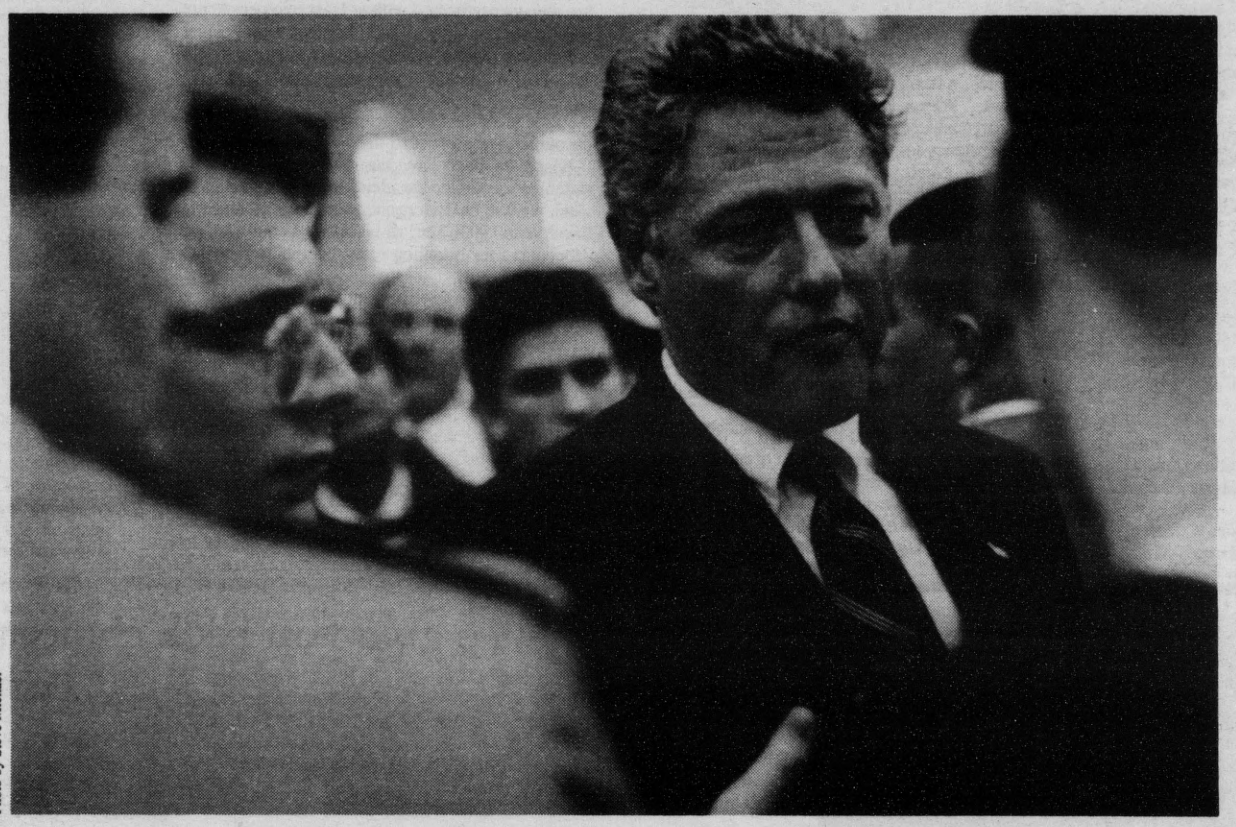

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BETWEEN LITTLE ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

the showdown between bill clinton and the queer community

LETTERS

Support Gay/Lesbian Films

After the Oscar sweep of *Silence of the Lambs* we realize that Hollywood, with all of its red ribbons, will never understand our issues and concerns. We have to empower ourselves. In addition to protesting homophobia in films like *Silence, JFK* and *Basic Instinct* we need to be proactive and support film projects coming from our own community.

There are many independent gay-positive projects in production that are struggling for funding. Works like *Sex Is...*, *Last Night at Maud's* and *Celluloid Closet* (to name a few) need support. These are important films by lesbian and gay filmmakers celebrating our community. Our basic instinct tells us that if we want to see images that relate to our lives, we need to make them happen ourselves. So if you would like more information on how you can help, call Larry Helman at (415) 863-3226.

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Signs of Bigotry

Graffiti reading "GAYS KILLED JFK" has begun to appear in the Muni metro stations, most notably Civic Center. Thank you Mr. Stone for encouraging violence against us.

I've also read that the end to *Mayor of Castro Street* has been changed so that Harvey Milk becomes a psychopathic killer and murders a popular Mayor and good-natured City Supervisor.

Brett Thomas
San Francisco

Acknowledging Distinctions

I see that you have now made a separate category for "Transgender Groups" in the Resource Guide of the *SF Bay Times*. Not only does this make it easier to find groups and resources for people with gender issues, it recognizes a distinction that many people in the gay and lesbian community are uncomfortable with. It wasn't surprising that, of all the queer newspapers, the *SF Bay Times* would do this first. I just hope you don't get too muck flak for doing so.

Name Witheld By Request
San Francisco

AIDS Emergency Fund Management Policies

Last week, a headline on the *Sentinel*'s editorial page asked, "Why is Bob Ross counting pennies?"

The short answer is that Bob Ross does not count AIDS Emergency Fund pennies. However, he, and some of his employees, are among the many volunteers who help with our "Every Penny Counts" project.

By its nature, the pennies project is a challenge to manage and monitor. Jars are located in over 300 sites. Volunteers are depended upon to collect large quantities of coins, clean them of debris and bag them. Facilities are needed to store bagged coins until they are taken to the bank, where they are sorted, counted and deposited. At an average of $5,000 to $6,000 per month, this process requires enormous volunteer support.

The AIDS Emergency Fund board of directors recognizes the need for appropriate control systems to ensure proper handling of so many coins. Two years ago, a noticeable drop in coin deposits led to the discovery that one of our volunteers was stealing coins. We quickly corrected the problem, publicly shared our outrage, and restructured the pennies project to provide better control.

Our controls now include issuing volunteer badges to all pennies project volunteers; using triplicate receipts whenever bags of coins are dropped off by volunteers (one for the volunteer, one for the treasurer and one for the drop-off point); centralizing coin drop-offs; consolidating deposits into a dedicated bank account to facilitate monitoring of monthly income; and hiring a staff person to oversee day-to-day management of the pennies project's operations. These fiscal procedures and others are outlined in the AIDS Emergency Fund's written Fiscal Management Policies, which were formally adopted in February 1991.

We are grateful for the volunteer efforts of our board member, Bob Ross, and several *B.A.R.* employees who regularly help sift out debris and bag, seal and label coins for pick-up. These activities are always performed with at least two people present, as outlined in our Fiscal Management Policies.

Financial control systems are always an appropriate topic for internal as well as external review. We have taken great pains to ensure that the pennies project, and all of the funds that we collect, are properly accounted for and set to their intended use.

Based on over five years of audited financial statements, our independent auditors agree. Next week we will be undergoing our financial audit for fiscal year 1991, and, as always, our policies and procedures for handling cash receipts will be subject to review.

We welcome public scutiny, but we object to misleading implications that our procedures are "fishy" or "inappropriate."

Rick Salinas, President
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Stop the Death Penalty

April is Holocaust Remembrance Month, and this year we also mark the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain and the barbarism of Torquemada's Inquisition. It is also the month, on April 21 to be exact, when the State of California will try to turn back the clock of history, and carry out an execution of yet another worker, Robert Harris, for the first time in some 25 years.

We look upon those nations which chop off people's hands and heads as being barbaric and backward. Yet, most of Western Europe, Canada, several other areas of the world and some 14 states of the United States look upon California as being barbaric and backward, for we still have the death penalty.

The death penalty is a moral issue, and it is used in a racist manner; but first and foremost, it is a class weapon, for there are no rich folks on death row. Thus, it is no accident that this threat to all of us workers who constitute 80 percent of the population is being resurrected in a time of economic crisis.

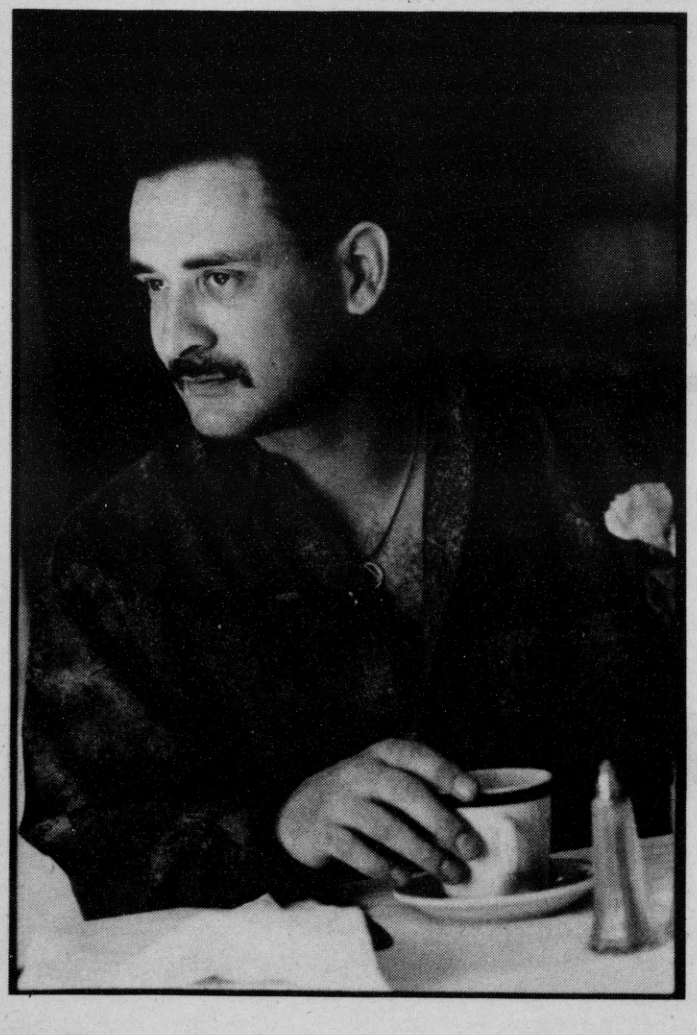
Just as the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Fighters rose up against the Nazis in April 1943, against all odds, we too must join together, Black and white, male and female, gay and straight, and demand an end to barbarism, an end to the death penalty, and the beginning of civilization. Twenty-five years ago and more, we linked arms, Black and white together, singing "we shall overcome someday." Today is that day, for it is time to push forward the clock of human progress. The life we save will be not only of Robert Harris, but all our lives.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Internalized Homophobia

Never in the history of queerdom has there been a more assimilationist heterosexual apologist as Edisol W. Dotson. In his latest ranting ("Who is Responsible?" Letters, *SF Bay Times*, March 26), Mr. Dotson once again gets down on his well-calloused knees, parts the cheeks and kisses the ass that oppresses him. The negative effect people like Dotson have on an already-beleaguered community is incalculable.

When will Dotson and his ilk understand that lashing out at activists through the cracks in their closet doors is nothing less than internalized homophobic self-loathing of the worst kind? It is despicable of them to attack those in our community who are fighting on the front lines for the rights of us all and to defend our oppressors while our sisters and brothers are discriminated against, beaten



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The recurring theme in every one of Edisol Dotson's letters is: Don't upset the straights, we want and need them to accept us. It is the ultimate in community betrayal to preach assimilation into a culture which has for 2,000 years raped our talent and creativity and given us no credit, imposed upon us visible nonexistence, criminalized our sexuality, denied us employment and housing, denied us the love of our families, and condemned us to eternal hell and damnation.

What kind of world does Edisol Dotson think he is living in? Never has a group of people been more hated and vilified than gays and lesbians. So it is with particular gall that, when some of us choose to fight back against our oppression, we are subjected to diatribes from misguided persons like Dotson implying, among other things, that we bring gay bashing on ourselves by openly confronting homophobia and heterosexism.

Hollywood, says Dotson, should not have to answer charges of sexism and homophobia in the films it produces. He goes on to say that anyone has a right to exploit homosexuals and homosexuality for profit. As if those statements were not bad enough, the worst, the absolute most disgusting statement in Dotson's letter, was that in which he states that Hollywood does not portray us sympathetically because we do not provide Hollywood with enough positive role models in real life!

I nearly puked when I read Mr. Dotson's letter and so should we all. With people in our community like Edisol W. Dotson, the world does not need Buchanan, Duke, Dannemeyer, Helms or Mashore. They can sit back and pick their teeth while Dotson and his coterie do their work for them by convincing us all to be good little gays and lesbians and not upset the straights. After all, what Dotson and others are really saying is: What's a few AIDS and bashing victims as long as people like him have safe, privileged lives acceptable to the heterosexual majority?

I say to Edisol Dotson and to the gay and lesbian community that a Queer Revolution is happening. Wake up and join it or get out of the way for nothing is going to be as it was ever again.

Allen Carson
San Francisco

Register to Vote!

Regarding California Voter Registration:

All registered and intended voters should be advised that:

(1) In order to vote for Jerry Brown, or any other Democratic candidate on the California primary ballot on June 2, *you must be registered as a Democrat!*

(2) If you are currently registered under another party affiliation (e.g., Green Party, Republican, Mugwump) and wish to vote for Jerry Brown or any other Democratic candidate, *you must re-register as a Democrat 29 days before the June 2 primary*—that is, by May 4;

(3) If you have recently moved to a new address, in order to vote in any election, you must re-register 29 days before any election date.

Point of information: Your re-registration to another party makes it possible for you to vote for candidates of that party in a primary election as crossover voting is not permitted. However, in the general election, no matter your party registration, you may vote for any candidate of any party.

Please attempt to publish this information as a public service announcement—of course feel free to omit Jerry Brown as an example of whom one should vote for. Thanks for your help, consideration and interest.

Frederick C. Ketteman
San Francisco

Needed: Tolerance for Diversity

Reading the San Francisco Bay Area's mainstream and gay newspapers concerning the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the South Boston neighborhood of Boston, gay Bay Areans were exposed once again to the persistent anti-gay fear and intolerance which exist even in a city which proudly bills itself as "The Athens of America" because of the world-famous educational, medical and cultural institutions which attract Boston visitors and students from throughout the world.

South Boston is a very special, self-identified neighborhood which is famous as a very cohesive working-class Irish Catholic ghetto—not too different from San Francisco's cohesive gay ghetto, "The Castro," which until the late 1950s was often identified as a largely Irish working-class neighborhood known simply as "The Most Holy Redeemer Parish."

Originally a peninsula of the Town of Dorchester known as "Dorchester Neck," South Boston was annexed to Boston in 1804.

During the American Revolution, George Washington and his minutemen successfully fortified with cannons Dorchester Heights on this peninsula, thus bringing into firing range both the British naval ships in Boston Harbor and the British-occupied Town of Boston. On St. Patrick's Day, 1776, the British soldiers, sailors and civilian-loyalists evacuated Boston by ship for a welcoming haven at St. John, then in Nova Scotia. This was the first great American victory of the Revolution because it gave promise to eventual national independence from British rule. A grateful Continental Congress gave George Washington a medal for his bloodless, fireless victory at Dorchester Heights on St. Patrick's Day, 1776, the commencement of military ribbons in this nation.

This history demonstrates why the St. Patrick's Day Parade is held in South Boston on the official "Evacuation Day" holiday.

My late father, Thomas J. Gibbons, was born and reared in Saints Peter and Paul's parish in South Boston. Each St. Patrick's Day he faithfully took his family over to South Boston from Roslindale to participate in this most joyous day of the year for both civic-minded Bostonians and Bostonians who are or become Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

This year 600,000 Bostonians journeyed to South Boston—many with their young children.
Obviously, gay Irish Americans and gay Irish-for-the-day Americans belong in South Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade. They legally established the right this year—on the basis that the City of Boston financially contributed to this parade which is now organized by the Allied Veterans of South Boston.

Rational gay men and gay women recognize that "Catholic bashing" or "Irish-American bashing" is not a socially accepted response to the inhospitality some Irish-American Bostonians offer gay Irish Americans on St. Patrick's Day.

The gay community in Boston is perhaps best equipped to win citywide acceptance into this parade by assuring the Allied Veterans of South Boston, the 1737-founded Irish Charitable Society of Boston, the City of Boston, and Bernard Cardinal Law, the Archbishop of Boston (and a graduate of Harvard College, class 1953) that the presence of gay Irish American marchers will not disrupt the "family orientation" of this parade.

It is crucial for gay Bay Areans to realize the role St. Patrick's Day plays in Boston's history. It's appearance in the middle of Lent is an occasion for community celebration and usually the middle of March adds to that joyousness by the weather's beginning promise and hope that spring is finally on the threshold.

Gay Bay Areans need to acknowledge that there are bigoted fools everywhere. Why, some gay Castro-ites have hung up signs in the Castro claiming heterosexual persons are unwelcome in their gay neighborhood. Obviously these anti-heterosexual bigots have never attended the 10 am Mass at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Castro where parishioners of all sexual orientations simply see each other as brothers and sisters of one human family.

All of us—South Bostonians to San Leandrans—have the ever-difficult task to free ourselves from prejudice (i.e., pre-judgment) of people perceived to be different from ourselves.

Let's hope that Bostonians will overwhelmingly embrace inclusion and tolerance for St. Patrick's Day gay marchers next year.

James Francis Gibbons
San Leandro

Kopp's Discontent

A senator named Quentin Kopp
Thinks our new mayor is a flop.
He complains, rants, raves and hollers
How he raised one fifty thousand dollars
For Frank Jordan's election campaign.
He thinks that entitles *him* to reign,
To pick or nix members of his staff,
Dictate policy and when to laugh.
The all-knowing political hack,
Kopp's a one-man independent PAC.

Del Martin
San Francisco

The Sisters vs. CUAV

Dear Public Official:

I am writing to complain about the reported attempt by Community United Against Violence to wrestle Halloween celebration in the Castro away from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The Sisters have done a professional and honest job of turning a riot into something beneficial for our community. I live in the Castro area and since the Sisters started producing Halloween, I have seen the violence decrease and more gays and lesbians return to the celebration. It seems if you do something well and raise money to help our community, then someone will steal that event in a fit of greed.

John Jacobs
San Francisco

The Sisters Speak

Dear Supervisor:

The Sisters have maintained a cohesive working relationship with Community United Against Violence (CUAV) in our Castro Halloween productions. We welcome their input on important Halloween production issues, continue to pay for all of their security operation expenses, and donate 25 percent of the profits to CUAV to support their future development plans. All other monies will be donated to local charities, including Queer organizations and people of color/women's AIDS organizations.

We included and continue to welcome input and participation from Castro residents, merchants and concerned community individuals and organizations.

We believe we have become the victims of our own success. At great risk, expense, time and effort, The Sisters have transformed a near-riot into a near-celebration whose benefit to our community grows each year with fewer and fewer problems. Other community organizations have taken note of our success and desire control of our street-closure permit and production.

The current struggle concerns possession of our street-closure permit and CUAV's desire to possess it. For most of 1991 Joker Productions attempted to steal the permit and production from us. They failed. Now we must contend with another such attempt.

In the absence of major operational problems, TENURE becomes the deciding criteria for permit approval by the City of San Francisco. The Sisters hold the tenure for Castro Halloween street closure and production. We are the ONLY organization to hold the permit for and produce Castro Halloween. Therefore, we call on the City and Board of Supervisors to refrain from discriminating against our social activist/charitable/grass roots organization. We want the street-closure permit for this event for 1993 and thereafter.

Kenneth Bunch
The Sisters Of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.

Political Bedfellows: NAP & Louis Farrakhan

An article appeared in the last issue of *Our Paper* regarding the U.S. Senate candidacy of one James Mangia of San Francisco. Mr. Mangia is trying to get on the ballot as the nominee of the Peace and Freedom Party. In fact, his real political agenda is to further the aims of the shady political cult that currently calls itself the New Alliance Party. This is the group that is running Lenora Fulani for President. Based on personal experiences with the NAP and with things I've read about them, I have what I think are good reasons for people in our community to steer clear of this group.

The NAP merits very careful scrutiny by members of our community. The NAP has made a major outreach to lesbian and gay communities around the country and has presented itself as a pro-gay, pro-women's rights alternative to the Democratic Party However, a close look at the NAP's history, international and domestic connections, and their campaign tactics should give anyone pause to wonder where these people are really coming from.

The NAP's founder and principal leader is a New York therapist, Dr. Fred Newman. Newman began his political career as a close associate of none other than Lyndon LaRouche. (Remember him, the guy who campaigned to quarantine people with AIDS a few years ago?) Newman and 40 of his followers hooked up with LaRouche's National Caucus of Labor Committees [NCLC] back in the early 1970s, while LaRouche was still calling himself a Marxist. The NCLC had just completed "Operation Mop-Up," a campaign of violent physical attacks against members of various left-wing groups. The NCLC believed this would give them "hegemony" in their labor union work by bullying their rivals off of their turf. The Newman-ites were well aware of this organized thuggery and apparently had no problem with it. They *did* have a problem with LaRouche's steady drift to the extreme right and they eventually left the NCLC, reconstituting themselves as the "Internationalist Workers Party." The IWP in turn initiated the formation of the NAP, of which Mangia and Fulani are leaders.

The NAP has been called a "therapy cult." This is not merely because so many of the group's leaders are therapists. The NAP runs a network of "Crisis

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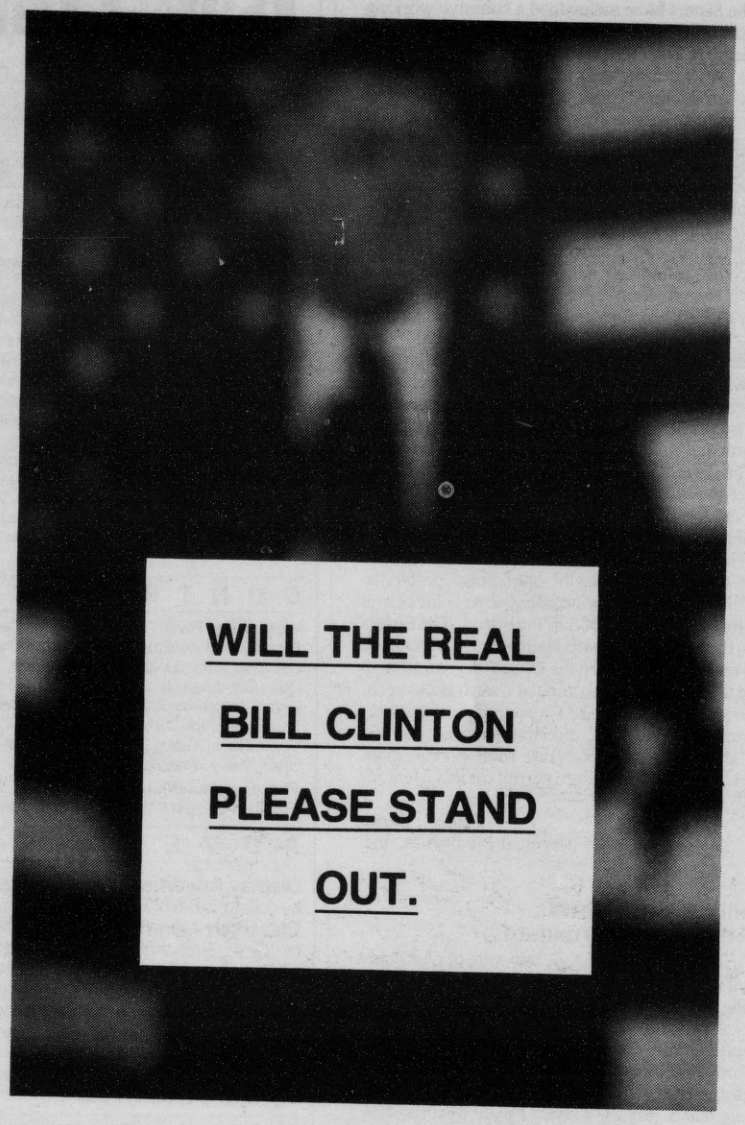


by tommi avicolli mecca

The national queer community is looking for a good person. Qualifications: a willingness to stick their neck out for gay/lesbian/bisexual rights, a strong national AIDS policy with plans for solid AIDS funding, and an interest in challenging military and federal employment discrimination.

The field of choices is the current crop of presidential candidates on the Democratic and Republican sides. Forget the Republicans—neither George Bush nor Pat Buchanan can be considered as applicants for obvious reasons.

As for the Dems, well, the field is narrowing. With Paul Tsongas out of the race (at least as of this newspaper's deadline), there are two choices: Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown. As a former two-term governor of California, Brown has a good record on gay rights.

For the folks in the ACT UP/Presidential Project, Democratic frontrunner and Arkansas governor Bill Clinton is a bad choice for queers.

Clinton, they say, signed several pieces of AIDSphobic legislation, sat by idly while the state's sodomy laws were rewritten to target queers and allocated no money for AIDS in his state budgets.

But at least two visible members of Little Rock's gay community, as well as long-time Los Angeles gay activist David Mixner, feel that the man some call "Slick Willie" is actually a good choice for the gay/lesbian/bisexual community.

Meanwhile, members of ACT UP/PP, formed in the wake of the New Hampshire primary, continue to hound all the presidential candidates, especially the five-term Arkansas governor, demanding that he take a more aggressive stand on gay rights and AIDS. Planning their eruptions to draw maximum media attention to the fight against AIDS, their efforts have made it all the way to the *New York Times*, which on March 28 printed a partial transcript of an encounter between Clinton and ACT UP member Bob Rafsky.

Stressing that he is committed to fighting AIDS, Clinton also admonished Rafsky for attacking him. "I have treated you and all the people who interrupted my rally with a hell of a lot more respect than you've treated me, and it's time you started thinking about that," he was quoted as telling Rafsky.

ACT UP/PP has trailed the presidential contenders from New Hampshire to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where members staged a series of confrontations with Clinton and distributed condoms at a local high school. They've continued to hound all the candidates, except Brown, through Washington state, Maryland, Colorado, South Carolina and Florida, for more "in-your-face" actions.

A different tactic is being taken by a recently formed coalition of gay, lesbian, feminist and AIDS organizations. On April 4, these groups met in Washington, D.C., to exchange information and share strategies for dealing with the presidential primaries and conventions. ACT UP/PP activists refused to attend the meeting, fearing some people may have planned to use it to engineer a Clinton endorsement. They objected to holding the meeting on the eve of "a pivotal string of primaries," saying in a letter to meeting organizers, "We can and must be out in the streets making AIDS the primary issue."

BEATING BUSH

All of this occurs, of course, against a depressing backdrop: more than a decade of presidential neglect on AIDS, and socially sanctioned attacks against gay rights, abortion and rights for people of color. The prospect of four more years of the same frightens many gay/lesbian/bisexual activists.

Take David Mixner, for instance. The former co-chair of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA) and former board member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) now occupies the highest non-paid position in the Clinton campaign, serving on the national executive committee. And he's not the only openly gay person to occupy a visible seat in the campaign.

Other queers in the Clinton campaign include three on the national finance committee: Scott Hitt, M.D., whose Los Angeles practice sees a lot of PWAs; Bob Certner, a made-for-TV producer ("Earthquake," among others); and Randy Klose, HRCF co-chair.

Also on the Clinton bandwagon: Lyn Grier, co-chair of the National Lesbian and Gay Victory Fund, serving as a leader in the Clinton Ohio campaign; Martin Rouse, who works for Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, a field operations head for New York state; and Bob Hattory, executive director of the L.A. Sierra Club, who directs the environmental section of the Clinton national campaign.

Mixner told *SF Bay Times*, "It's an obsession of mine to beat George Bush because of the Bush/Reagan policies on AIDS and gay rights."

Mixner claims that Clinton is pro-gay. According to Mixner, Clinton will sign an executive order banning discrimination in the military and federal employment, sign the federal civil rights bill and appoint open gays and lesbians to major positions.

As for AIDS, Mixner says that Clinton will implement the two reports of the President's Commission on AIDS, allow local communities to use federal funds for condom distribution and restore funds to the Ryan White Act, among other things.

LITTLE ROCK

For many queer activists, especially those who live in Arkansas, Clinton's record must be examined against the reality of a state whose population—no more than that of the Bay Area—lives mostly in rural pockets and farming communities.

Little Rock, the state capital and only urban area, has 300,000 people and probably more than the usual ten percent queer ratio, since, not surprisingly, gays, lesbians and bisexuals tend to flock to the big city for safety and to find other queers.

Little Rock tends to be more tolerant than the rural areas. With several gay male and two lesbian bars, one can have a social life and a support network.

"Little Rock is tolerant, not only on gay and lesbian issues," says Drew Toon, an AIDS activist who, along with his lover, spearheaded a local ACT UP chapter. Toon claims that in a conservative state like Arkansas, "I take a risk by being a member of the Unitarian Church."

Toon grew up in a town of 5,000 in the farming communities in the southern part of the state. On National Coming Out Day in October, the 100-150 people who marched to the capital were only harassed once, Toon says, by a car full of hecklers two blocks away.

The city's only gay dance club, Discovery, is about 50-50 gay/straight on weekends, Toon says. Surprisingly, there are few fights.

But when one speaks to Arkansas residents about the state legislature, one often hears the word "neanderthal." It's what Clinton supporters say one must keep in mind when examining the Clinton AIDS legacy.

CLINTON'S AIDS RECORD: TESTING

Steve Michael and Wayne Turner of the Presidential Project point to Clinton's record as governor of Arkansas as proof of his homophobia and AIDS neglect. Included in that record is Clinton's signing of AIDSphobic legislation, the lack of AIDS funding in his state budgets and his inaction on sodomy repeal.

But Ted Holder, a founder of the Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force, who has worked as an assistant securities commissioner with the Arkansas State Securities Department for the past year, says that Clinton's record needs to be viewed in light of the state's conservatism.

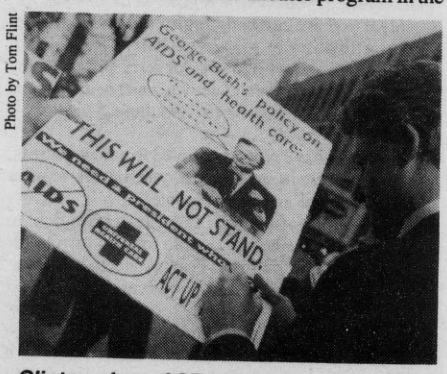
Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), agrees that when looking at Clinton's record one has to "speak in relative terms."

Those relative terms make a world of difference when examining the Clinton record.

Consider the 1991 mandatory testing bill for healthcare workers that Clinton signed. Holder says the original legislation "allowed anybody to test anybody." The final version of the legislation permits doctors to require testing in only two scenarios: when healthcare workers are stuck with a needle in the course of duty and when a patient needs it as part of their treatment.

Donnie Smith, the director of AIDS/STD programs for the Arkansas department of health from 1987-December 1991, says that the original draft of the bill included broad-based provisions for mandatory testing and sharing of HIV test results. The bill contained "18-20 different scenarios in which test results could be shared without consent," he told *SF Bay Times*.

Smith, who now heads another program in the department, said that health department officials, along with folks from the state AIDS and medical organizations, negotiated a narrower bill.



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Clinton signs ACT UP poster in Seattle

TRANSMISSION OF HIV

Under Clinton's governorship, the state of Arkansas made it a crime for an HIV-positive individual to transmit HIV. The law specifies that a person must know if he or she is positive Transmittal can be either through blood or blood products, or sexual activity. According to the law, the emission of semen is not necessary; penetration is enough. The penalty on conviction is six to 30 years in prison.

Holder says that Clinton can't be "blamed for that law." He says that the Arkansas Medical Society and the Arkansas Hospital Association both wanted the law. "They are some of the most

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powerful lobbies in the state," he says. "What they want they get."

In the original draft of the bill, says Holder, it didn't matter if one revealed that he or she was HIV-positive. In the final version, tempered by the Clinton-appointed health department, one can't be prosecuted if he or she informs a sex partner of his/her status.

Smith says that the 1987 bill has only netted one incident in which someone was charged with transmitting HIV. "It's not a greatly used bill," he says.

REPORTING BILL

While the transmission bill is certainly a nightmare as far as AIDS activists are concerned, just as frightening is a bill authorizing the reporting of the names of those who test HIV-positive.

As part of the provisions of that bill, a list of names is kept by the Arkansas state Department of Health. The 1989 bill was actually a codification of a 1987 health department policy authorizing the collection of names, according to Smith.

In defense of the bill, Smith says, "Particularly in rural areas and low incidence regions, the problem of AIDS is not viewed realistically, because you only have a count of AIDS cases."

Smith says that the names are kept on file in a room that is locked when the three people who have access to it are not there. The PC that houses the names "does not have a modem," he says. It's the same room and computer used for filing information about reported AIDS cases.

The legislation has apparently not scared away clients from the state's anonymous test sites, which require their clients to submit their names if they test positive. "In general, we've not seen a reduction of clients," Smith says. "In fact, the number has increased over the past couple years.

There are no penalties for breaches of confidentiality except "civil liability," that is, the right to file suit.

OPPOSING LEGISLATION

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, director of the Arkansas state Department of Health, told the *SF Bay Times* that her department opposed all three pieces of legislation Clinton signed.

Elders, a pediatric endocrinologist at the University of Arkansas Medical School, was appointed to her position by Clinton in 1987. "These were not health department bills," she said. "They weren't Bill Clinton bills. They were probably tempered by a lot of fight. They're probably the least horrible of bills."

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What the Arkansas Sodomy Law Criminalizes.

Elders herself has testified many times before the Legislature, opposing "horrible bills." In fact, she jokes, "I think the Legislature thinks that's all I do is testify."

Smith says that in 1991, about 18 AIDS-related bills came up in the Legislature, most of them objectionable. The health department was able to detonate 15 of them. To his credit, Clinton vetoed a bill that would have required mandatory testing for persons convicted of sex offenses.

Elders is a progressive, speaking before the Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force's conference on gay youth two years ago, and advocating sex education and condom distribution in the schools. She also recently spoke at a state American Civil Liberties Union banquet.

But Elders sees no problem with the reporting of HIV-positive names. It's the same tactic used to gauge the spread of other infectious diseases, e.g., syphillis and TB. She doesn't understand that AIDS is different in that people with the disease are discriminated against. "As far as I'm concerned, it's absolutely confidential information," she says.

Elders has every confidence in her health department and its employees. She says that names are strictly confidential and any employee of the department who violates confidentiality is fired "immediately." In fact, Elders doesn't even know exactly where the names are kept in the department. She's never asked.

The purpose of keeping the names? "How else could you know of the spread?" she asks.

While she has no problems with keeping names, she has a problem with criminalizing transmission. She sees the legislation as an attempt by legislators to legalize morality.

Elders is realistic. "This is a law you can't enforce," she says. "If you're going to have sex with somebody, you're not going to tell them you're HIV-positive. If you're having a relationship or you're considering marriage, then I think you'll tell."

Elders is convinced the governor supports her work on AIDS. She said that if Clinton were against what she does, "I'd hear about it."

AIDS BUDGET

Neither Holder nor Mixner know whether Clinton has ever mentioned AIDS in his State of the State address. Mixner contends that Clinton took out AIDS money from his previous budgets when "it was clear he wouldn't get them through the Legislature," which meets every two years.

The current 1991-92 budget contains $76,000 for three AIDS education staff positions and $15,000 for people who are trained to do AIDS work door-to-door through the Housing Authority. The state currently has 700 AIDS cases, according to Brenda Bell, board president of the Arkansas AIDS Foundation.

Prior to this year, state AIDS money came from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Clinton also gave $30,000 from his emergency fund to the state health department to continue its HIV testing. But Bell says that money did not go to "rescue" the foundation, as reported by Michael and Turner, who used it in their press releases to stress how little Clinton has done in the battle against AIDS in his state.

The $30,000, Bell said, helped the foundation by allowing it to continue its own testing program.

SODOMY LAW

The Arkansas sodomy law is another bone of contention among gay activists.

Arkansas rejected its old sodomy laws as part of its criminal code revision in 1974, according to Holder. But the state legislature put sodomy back into the code, making the crime gay-specific only. Clinton was state attorney general at the time. Mixner says, "If [Clinton] were a dictator, he could do a lot. Unfortunately he has to work with the Legislature."

The law now criminalizes "the penetration, however slight, of the anus or mouth of an animal or a person by the penis of a person of the same sex or an animal; or the penetration, however slight, of the vagina or anus of an animal or a person by any body member of a person of the same sex or an animal."

"One person tried to overturn the sodomy law here," said Holder. "He never called up the governor's office. We knew it was dead in the water when it was introduced."

Michael and Turner don't buy any explanation of Clinton's record. "When confronted with the realities of the Arkansas record, the 'gay leaders' say we are expecting too much from the governor of Arkansas," they state in a March 27 fax release to the *SF Bay Times*. In the same statement, they call gay leaders "Clinton's lapdogs" and "Slick Willie's apologists."

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In an interview with this paper, Michael and Turner said that they want to make Clinton and all presidential candidates accountable to the queer and AIDS communities. "We feel we're filling a vacuum in the campaign," says Turner. "There hasn't been pressure put on the candidates."

They say their goal is to "force the issue of AIDS and gay rights into the presidential campaign."

But Holder feels the Presidential Project folks "need to get real. See what [Clinton] has to deal with."

Both Holder and Little Rock businessman Dennis Morgan, who owns Twisted Entertainment, Inc., a gay bookstore, believe that Clinton has been supportive of the gay community.

"No one running is one-hundred percent behind the gay community," says Morgan. "The time's not right for it yet. Clinton's a step in the right direction for the gay community."

MEMORIAL DAY DEMO

"Get real" is what the Presidential Project folks are being forced to do.

THE TOP 5 THINGS

CLINTON HASN'T DONE:

1. *SLEPT WITH GENNIFER*
2. *INHALED*
3. *GOTTEN THE NOMINATION*
4. *LICKED BUSH*
5. *INCLUDED QUEER ISSUES IN HIS NATIONAL AGENDA*

Calling a demonstration in Little Rock on Memorial Day, May 25, the day before the state's primary, the project activists contacted Drew Toon of ACT UP/Little Rock, who became politicized after a friend with AIDS committed suicide.

Toon says that Michael and Turner went ahead with publicizing the event before ACT UP could meet to discuss it. Toon, who says he learned the hard way that certain tactics do not work in Arkansas, decided "the way they wanted to change things is not the way we wanted to do it." ACT UP/Little Rock dissolved and The AIDS Brigade formed in its wake, taking its name from wh. was yelled at the gay contingent in last year's Martin Luther King Day march: "Oh, here comes the AIDS brigade."

"We took it [the name] away from them in the sense that queer is being taken away," Toon says.

Steve Michael says that the demonstration will go on. He says that he was "under the impression" ACT UP/Little Rock was "happy with what we had written" in the press release. He admits he "made a tactical mistake" in sending out the notice about the demonstration before ACT Up/Little Rock officially approved it.

Michael says that he and Turner will go to Little Rock to organize for the demo and to "assure the people of Arkansas" that they are not "scary creatures."

Toon says that he is not a Clinton supporter. "What he's saying right now is wonderful... but that doesn't excuse what he's done. He's all promises, but as we know from Pete Wilson, that doesn't cut it. He hasn't taken any risks in his home state. We can't live on promises."

Toon says he will vote "for whoever runs against Bush. It's a vote against Bush." In the primary he plans to support Brown.

"I haven't even talked to people in the Clinton camp," he admits.

OTHER QUEER LEADERS

Other gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders also plan to back Clinton if he becomes the Democratic candidate.

San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden, an uncommitted delegate to the Democratic Convention who plans to vote for Brown, is troubled by Clinton's record, but like Mixner is firmly behind the election of a Democrat.

"I'm a vigilant, strong Democrat," she says. "I will do everything in my power to elect Bill Clinton." Migden feels that everyone can work with Clinton because he is the "consummate politician."

Urvashi Vaid agrees. "My impression is that a Clinton administration will be very accessible to us." But she also feels that Brown is "a good alternative" to Bush.

Neither NGLTF nor the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) have endorsed candidates in the primary. NGLTF does not issue endorsements, but HRCF may endorse this year.

D.C. MEETING

The April 4 meeting included 50 people from such divergent groups as NGLTF, HRCF, Log Cabin Republican club, Queer Nation/Houston and the National Abortion Rights Action League. According to Vaid, participants left vowing to continue coordinating their efforts between now and the November election.

It's not the stuff of great copy. No great controversies erupted during the meeting, no divisive debates. Seems almost unusual for a movement that, like many others, is often torn apart by bitchy infighting.

Plans for the coming months include a voter registration drive during June Pride activities across the country, inside strategies at both conventions and a possible Clinton-Brown debate.

Vaid called the meeting "a good beginning point." HRCF spokesperson Greg King described it as "incredibly successful."

THE FUTURE

Ultimately, this could be the pivotal election year for queers. It's certainly a "whole new ball game" from 1988, as NGLTF Communication Director Robert Bray puts it.

"In 1988 not even the Democratic candidates would return calls, let alone the Bush camp," he said.

This year, candidates are not only returning phone calls, they are courting the gay vote. Even Robert Mosbacher—general chair for the Bush/Quayle campaign, personal friend of Bush, leading fundraiser for Bush and the Republican Party—met with queer leaders.

Reaction from the right was swift and loud, with conservative congressional members, led by Newt Gingrich and William Dannemeyer, calling for a White House denunciation of "the homosexual agenda" and the federal gay rights bill. Pat Buchanan blasted the meeting from the campaign trail.

Bush said that the historic event was a "personal meeting" arranged by Mosbacher, whose daughter is a lesbian who lives in San Francisco. Bray contends that no one in D.C. gets a meeting with an official like Mosbacher unless he wants to do it.

But while there's cause for optimism, Bray seemed to sum it up best when he said, "I'm wary and I'm suspicious because promises have been broken by the Democrats and the Republicans. That's why it's important to keep pushing all the candidates."

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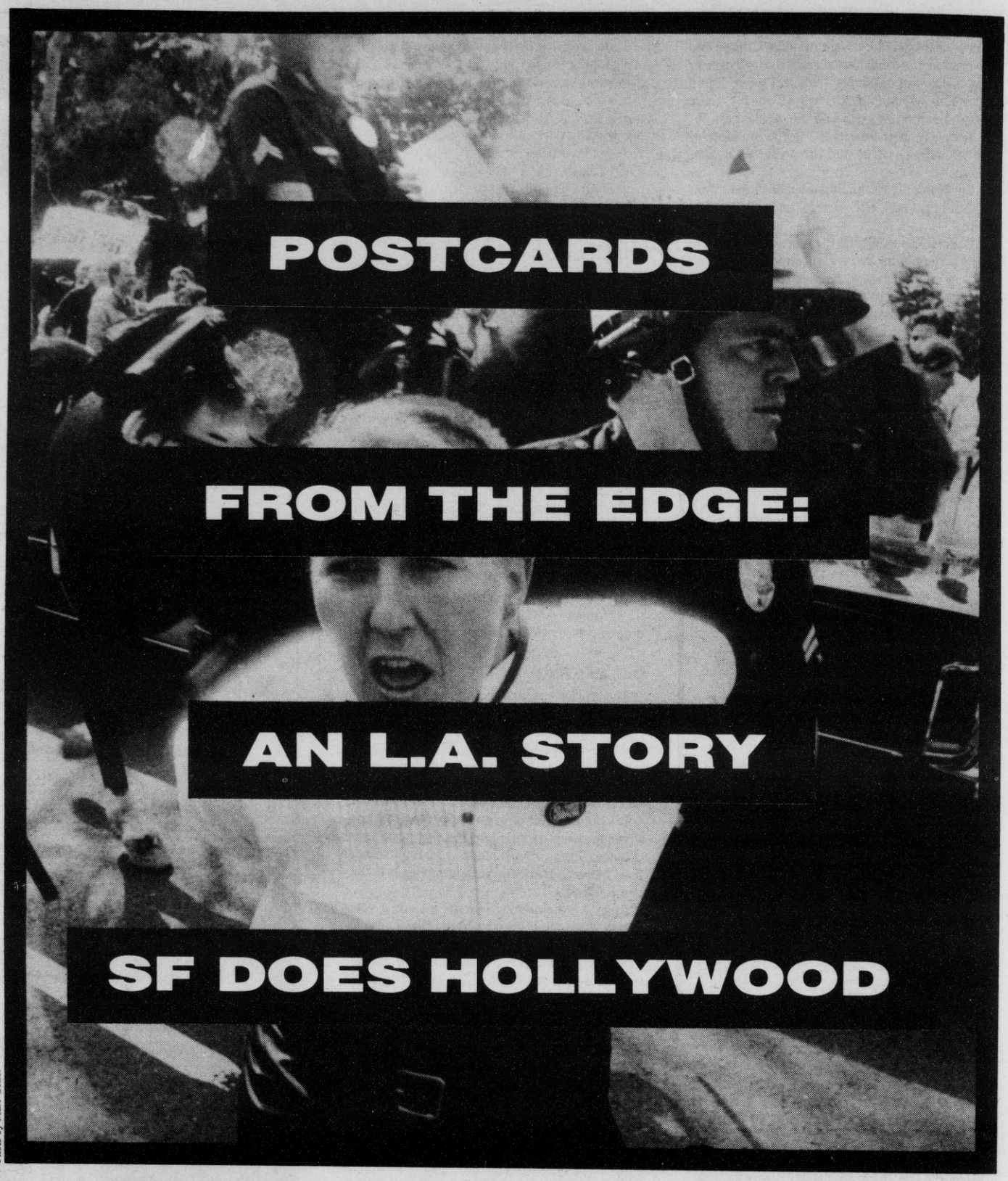

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By Val C. Phoenix

The Oscar protests exploded on Hollywood in a flurry of soundbites, spin control and name-dropping, and concluded with a visit to Spago's. They do things on a grander scale in Hollywood, where image control is a science—and a business. Protests—more so the *threat* of protests—against Hollywood's homophobia became a full-blown media event.

The known facts are simple enough: ten arrests, one outing and a three-hour protest preceding the awards. Despite rumors, apparently none of the insider actions materialized, though at least two protesters were on the premises of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. When it was over, some wondered what all the fuss was about, while others felt history had been made.

The organizers were a small group of past and present members of Queer Nation/L.A., well-versed in media manipulation, which gave a unique flavor to the event. For visiting San Franciscans, the differences were particularly acute. The following snapshots were gathered while traveling with a contingent of SF activists and following around the L.A. hosts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 PM, WEST HOLLYWOOD—Queer Nation is meeting in a senior citizens center for a final preaction rally. About 50 people are sitting in a circle explaining what they hate about Hollywood. Most of the speakers are local people, but there is a sizable contingent from San Francisco, as well as the odd person from Boston and Minneapolis. Facilitator Vanessa Place, the legal coordinator for Monday's action, calls for some gripes about Hollywood films. The responses come in bunches: "I hate it when the girl doesn't get the girl." "We're never portrayed as anything else but psychos and perverts." A lesbian actress says, "Other gay people in the industry are not taking a stand. Why aren't they as angry as us?"

A man explains how he was fired from the film industry because he was gay and HIV-positive. "My T-cell count has dropped. No one is there to fuckin' support you! I'm living proof that homophobia kills you." He breaks off, in tears.

8 PM—Out of the center and into the streets. The protest group of 40 people moves off down Santa Monica Boulevard through this very gay neighborhood of West Hollywood. A van with a PA system leads the march, with the marchers strung out across two lanes of the boulevard. The streets are wider here, and the cops travel on bicycles, but otherwise it could be an SF protest—or maybe not. "Penny Marshall goes down on Carrie Fisher!" chants the group. Two men come out of a bar and argue whether to join in. One returns to the bar, while the other runs to catch up with the march. Some restless lesbians spice things up. "We're dykes! We're groovy, so put us in your movie!"

People are moving into the oncoming lane of traffic. The march takes a turn which effectively blocks the intersection of Sunset and Santa Monica, but then people abruptly cross the street to storm the Director's Guild building. Inside, film industry people are watching screenings of Academy-nominated films. It is a perfect captive audience. Dodging security guards, 20 people duck into an occupied screening room, as security cuts the lights in the lobby. The screening room is one-quarter full, and the lights are up. Twelve people take the stage, as an audience member shouts, "Don't touch 'em. You'll get AIDS."

The people onstage hold up their signs, as writer Michelangelo Signorile exhorts Hollywood

to make queer films and chastises the industry for its complicity. "We are not serial killers," he says, putting the audience on notice that hate crimes are up 30 percent. He finishes with a polite thank you, and someone else adds, "We'll be back. See you Monday." Whistles blare, as the protesters exit and return to the street.

Back outside, Signorile is clearly keyed up about the action. "I love spontaneous things." In town to research his book, *Queer in America*, he says Hollywood is running scared over the impending Oscars protest. "This *is* an industry. They get freaky about being called names. Half of them are closet-case homosexuals. This kind of protesting is really gonna help." Looking forward to the Oscars ceremony, he says, "It doesn't matter what happens. We've already gotten the issues out."

"2-4-6-8! How do you know the stars are straight?" Marcher Phil Tarley describes himself as "an angry, fed-up queer" who is also a filmmaker. "I feel I have a unique perspective. This is my issue, double. When Hollywood depicts us only as people to be pitied, it sends a message it's OK to bash us. It's more than tacit approval; it's a license to kill."

The march makes another diversion into Barney's Beanery, a popular restaurant, which counts among its memorabilia a sign which declares "No Fagots [sic] allowed." The patrons seem bemused, as seven or eight activists circulate among them, handing out information and talking.

Rick, a local, says he thinks such actions are possible because of the AB101 protests which galvanized the community. "The response was so surprising. It was intense." He sees those events as a coming-of-age for L.A. queer activism. Fifty-eight-year-old Barbara Bailey is out in the streets thanks to *Fried Green Tomatoes*. "I really did kiss my girlfriend when I was in high school, and we fucked, too. I never realized how hungry I was to see some of that experience on film." Bailey identifies as a Queer National. "I love to see what's happening. I'm as angry as any of these people."

The march is passing a steady procession of gay businesses and finally pauses to take over the intersection of San Vicente and Santa Monica. This, says Rick, is a historical place. "A lot of demos started here during the AB101 protests. Things would just start spontaneously." Standing on the corner is gay film student Gregg Nations, who looks on approvingly as people take the street. "The tenacity of the queer movement is great. I feel supported by the movement. You can get kind of lost in film. Films do not depict real life. This is reality," he says gesturing to the group in the street.

Reality is 36 people doing the hokey pokey in the middle of a major intersection. "You put your Oscar in, you take your Oscar out," they say, spinning in angry glee. The van drives into the center of the ring. Fifty bystanders and assorted cops watch (and some cops videotape), as the protesters take all five lanes of the street. Another onlooker watches in dismay. "I think they're losing their focus here."

Queer Nation/L.A. is doing a brisk impromptu business at the corner selling stickers out of a suitcase. L.A.-style political debate is also occurring. "My dad is up for an Oscar. All this stuff scares me," complains a young man, adding, "There are good movies out there." Replies a Queer National, "Too few."

MONDAY, MARCH 30

8 AM, DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION—Queer Nation meets the press at the site of the awards ceremony. Standing across the street from the Pavilion, a parade of speakers faces the cameras and microphones in time for the morning news. Some speak of bashing, others of the film industry, as reporters surround them. The battle for spin control has been joined. There are two revelations, one being that PWA Rob Roberts issues "a personal challenge to Jodie Foster to come out, and when she wins that Best Actress award tonight, to come out and win as a lesbian." A reporter immediately chimes in with, "Are you outing Jodie Foster?" Questions are deflected until after the statements.

L.A. Queer National Kathleen Chapman chides "the hetero press" for focusing on the map to the queer stars' homes, rather than the reasons for the protest. "So, you can't have the map. The map to the queer stars' homes will be issued to queers only through other channels at a later date." A photo op, at the request of photographers, is arranged in front of the giant 50-foot-tall Oscar that stands across the street from the DCP. Same-sex couples kiss as cameras click.

NOON, WEST HOLLYWOOD—Scott Robbe has given over his apartment to some last minute preparations before the legal picket. Robbe works in the film industry as an out gay man and, through his group Out in Film, hopes to get others in the business to come out, as well. The house is a beehive of activity. Outside, members of SF's Catherine Did It! and others are assembling 150 signs for the action. Robbe's apartment manager, a woman in her 50s, is surveying the scene with a friend and offering her opinion on queer activism. She declares, "I'm gay." "No shit, Angela," her friend replies. Nevertheless, she's not sure about this Queer Nation group, or that ACT UP either. Complaining about one protest,

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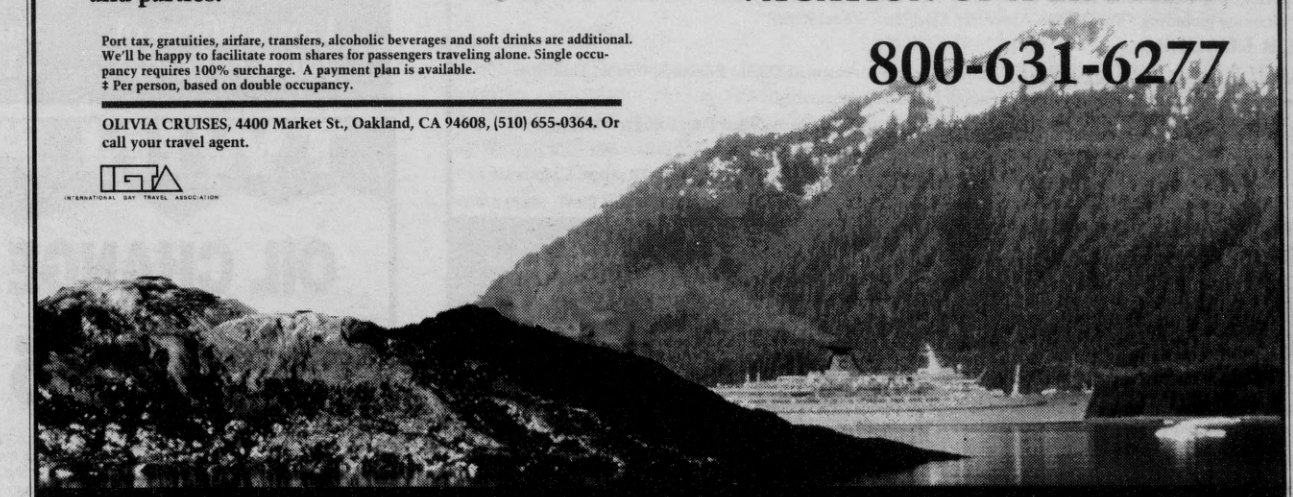

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she says, "I almost missed my plane. That's not nice." Catherine Did It!'s Annette Gaudino, working over a sign, responds, "People are dying. That's not nice." It's a stalemate.

Inside, Robbe paces, speaking into a phone. "Rob Roberts outed Jodie Foster nationally this morning. We're getting calls on this, so we have to handle it. The spin on this is that Rob is speaking as a PWA who is looking for support from his community..." A collection of newspapers sits on a table in Robbe's living room. From the *LA Times* to the *National Enquirer*, they all mention the threat of disruptions by protesters or what one tabloid dubs "gay terrorists."

Robbe worries there may be a media blackout on the event. Posters advertising the protest have been consistently torn down. Driving to the action, he says over his shoulder, "The word has come down from county administrators and corporate heads to silence this thing."

2 PM, DOWNTOWN—Protesters gather two blocks from the Pavilion. Two carloads have arrived from San Diego, and people trickle in. A few press people are here. An AP photographer who looks to be a lesbian is standing by, as well as a camera crew from Fox, but most are up at the DCP. People mingle and get last minute legal advice. Seventy-two year old Morris Kight, a 20-year veteran of the Gay Liberation Front, says he is here to offer "continuity with our protesting past. The issues are the same now as they were then." A year ago, David Lacaillade says he was inside disrupting the ceremony as a member of ACT UP. This year, he is acting as a legal observer and letting others do the acting up.

Within the hour, the group, numbering 80-plus, moves off to join those who are already in place outside the DCP. At the intersection of First and Hope, they are stopped by a heavy police presence which denies them entrance to Hope, which runs in front of the Pavilion, where the media and red carpet await. A shouting match ensues, and horses move in. Several people sit down and are quickly surrounded by police. Chaos reigns for a few minutes, as the police cut off access to the people in the street. People are pushed back. A few are clubbed with batons. Seven people are arrested and dragged to a police bus farther along the street by the Pavilion. They include San Franciscans Carol Rossi, Annette Gaudino and Daniel Paez, as well as Patt Riese, Wayne Karr, organizer Judy Sisneros, and Christian Alvez. Most people remain outside the police lines.

4 PM, DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION—Protesters have established a presence along Hope, across from the Pavilion and the mythical red carpet. A line of mounted LAPD officers facing the protesters is backed up against a line of red-jacketed ushers facing the Pavilion, separating the protesters from the procession of limos depositing stars for the ceremony. Behind the police barricade, demonstrators stand on the sidewalk yelling and jeering the spectacle, while behind them, a group of fundamentalists with a bullhorn proceeds with its own proselytizing. "Sodomites, Repent!" is their message, which leads to some confrontations. The LAPD has confiscated the Queer Nation banner, but the fundies have set up a ladder with two poles and numerous signs.

The numbers have grown over two hours, but it's not possible standing in the crowd to tell how many people are here to protest Hollywood's homophobia and how many are here to pay homage to the stars. Three more arrests take place in the crowd, by police clad in helmets and rubber gloves, who move in, confer, point out the targets and arrest them. Fifteen helmeted cops converge on Wendell Jones and move him to the rear of the protest away from the cameras. "They picked him off 'cause he's a drag queen," charges one witness. The other two arrested are Mike Moreno and Dean Tate. Protesters jeer the police, and a few Kool-Aid-filled balloons are thrown at them.

The main targets, though, are the celebrities. Once they walk up the red carpet, selected ones are called up onto a raised platform to talk to columnist Army Archerd, making them visible and occasionally audible to the protesters. The smell of horseshit is strong. Energy is flagging as the afternoon wears on, though chants emerge. "Jodie Foster, Richard Gere. Come on out, we know you're queer!" "To-om Cruises." *Entertainment Tonight* is set up right next to the protest on its own reviewing stand, and protesters blow kisses at John Tesh and yell "Dyke" at Mary Hart. She waves. The police presence grows to two lines of cops, and the horses edge closer to the bar.

As the hour nears 6 pm, the pace of arriving celebrities quickens. In one 15-minute period, Jodie Foster, Richard Gere, Tom Cruise, and Barbra Streisand and son, Jason, arrive, setting off renewed chants. Foster, rumored to be skipping the ceremony, turns up smiling and joking with Archerd, while the protesters call, mockingly, "Jo-deee!" Once the ceremony starts at six, the demo breaks up.

7:25 PM, RAMPART ST. JAIL—The four women arrested are being held on $250 bail on charges yet to be determined. Waiting in the lobby, organizer Kate Sorensen breaks into a chuckle. "Seven people did this action. This is a fuckin' visions-of-grandeur feat. That seven people could trigger stark terror in that many people and get all those people, all those TV stations... I feel like a fucking goddess."

Organizer Vanessa Place says that "the media fed itself into a frenzy" over the star map and rumors of insider actions. "It was better than if we had planned it." Apparently, the small group never planned any insider actions; they just made it seem like they knew more than they did. Sorensen explains, "People were inspired to go inside because they thought we did."

Anne Keating from Catherine Did It! wonders if "we're ushering in a new era of activism working in small affinity groups and taking advantage of telecommunications." Sorensen is still mocking the media's gullibility. "The media is stupid, just like the cops. They work us into a frenzy. If they just left us alone, nothing would happen, but they jump all over us."

8:15 PM, OUT◆A JAIL—The arrestees appear to cheers from their comrades and gripes from the cops, who shoo everyone outside. They have been charged with disturbing the peace. Gaudino says the arrests were not civil disobedience. The people in the street sat down to avoid being trampled by the horses. She adds that she was struck in the chest with a baton when she tried to leave, and "we were never read our rights." Despite spending the protest in a police bus, she feels "this was a successful action. We won before we even got to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion." She and Rossi recount the arrest by speaking into a tape recorder in the car. Others guess how many people were there. 200? 500?

8:45 PM, WEST HOLLYWOOD—The group stops by Robbe's house, where ten people are watching the end of the ceremony. Highlights so far, they say, include the late Howard Ashman's lover accepting an award on his behalf and Debra Chasnoff thanking her female life partner. The watchers, including Signorile, mock presenters' outfits and the hollow proliferation of red ribbons. It's time for best actress—and horrors—it's *Basic Instinct*'s Michael Douglas presenting. Foster wins. Will she say anything? Signorile dismisses her speech. "Forget it. She's hopeless." Others, though, wonder at her tone and cryptic wording. "She looked scared," one says.

11 PM, SPAGO'S—Spago's is where the A-list stars go after the Oscars. A small group of queers is lost in the crowd of star gazers. A determined cluster has set up right across from the doorway with a placard reading "Hollywood Stop Censoring Our True Queer Lives," and insistently gets its point across. As supporting actress winner Mercedes Ruehl is interviewed by the press amid bright lights, a man yells out: "Mercedes, have you ever slept with a woman?" His voice carries down the hill. A man nearby mutters "Faggots," and his friend shushes him. The first one spits a wad of gum onto the roof of a limo passing by. A numbing procession of celebs arrives to cheers, followed by the question "Who's that?" It's Kathy Bates, Warren Beatty... Angie Dickinson

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A line of protesters moves into the road, but quickly moves back onto the sidewalk when some security guards bear down on them. The small group is well out-numbered here. Standing off to the side, Allen Carson of SF says that he and L.A.'s Gene Vaughn got into the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion with faked press badges and wandered inside for over an hour, but didn't take any action. "It was no place to be inconspicuous. The press conference was assigned seating, and the place was crawling with Pinkertons, so we left." It's an anti-climactic end to a long weekend.

BACK FOR MORE?

Back in SF, opinion seems divided on the protest. The hype has obscured the issues and the actual goals of the protest. Most of the seven primary organizers have left Queer Nation/L.A. Sisneros, for one, says QN has become a social group, and she wants to do actions. Media backlash? Changes in Hollywood portrayals? Future protests? It's all up for grabs.

But perhaps the last word should go to the recipients of the protest, the mainstream media. Stories were variously written and aired that the protests were coordinated by hundreds of people working for over a year. On Oscars' night, a station in L.A. reported that "protesters plan to do this every year, and they are probably going to start planning next year's protest tomorrow." Viewed by a room of tired queers, the suggestion was met with derisive jeers.

MEANWHILE, IN SAN FRANCISCO...

The Academy of Friends is resting for a month; the Board of Directors and all its volunteers worked very hard in the planning and execution of the 12th annual Oscar Night Gala, formerly known as "Friends of Oscar" (the name was changed two years ago because of a stink some Hollywood legal eagles made regarding the use of the much-guarded "Oscar" name). The event was held at the Fashion Center on Monday, March 30, bringing in an estimated $100,000 (that's the low end) to be distributed to three local AIDS service groups: Oakland's Center for AIDS Services and San Francisco's STOP AIDS Project and Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. This year the Academy broadly publicized the gala, which turned out to be by far the most successful yet, with live coverage by every major television station. Jubilaeum Aqvavit underwrote the "Evening of Stars," so that 100 percent of ticket sales will be dispensed directly to the three above-named groups.

As the clocked ticked toward 5:30, an air of rushed concern breezed through—workers making a final check on food, entertainment, decor. The feeling paralleled the feeling we have every day in this AIDS crisis, "What else can we do? Will we be ready?" as we visit sick friends, pick up medications, and wait for the cure.

Celebrating the 62nd annual Academy Awards were about 1,500 gussied-up guests, volunteers and performers. Coverage of the show from Hollywood began at 6 pm, with 50 televisions placed throughout the Fashion Center, with one super screen in the atrium area, in whose skies a "witch" hovered menacingly, broom in tote. Luckily the witch never fell; the broom did. The list of food, wine and entertainment donors read like a Bay Area Who's Who: The Cypress Club, La Folie, the Ritz Carlton, Jordan Winery, and many others offered fine fare. Local food and wine personalities abounded. Guests entered on a red carpet graced with Marilyn Monroes passing out champagne, to a violin rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Invitees grazed among 39 Bay Area restaurants and caterers' tables, creatively laden with specialties, savory and sweet: Aqua's seafood display platter crowned by a small octopus, Pozole's table surrounded by Jesse's black-clad triad of Robert Palmer girls-come-Latin America, and EAT and Marinelli Shellfish's gorgeous mermaid on the half-shell flanked by a team of oyster shuckers. A portion of the balcony was designated dessert area, with treats from Joseph Schmidt, Just Desserts, The Candy Jar, and others, and an espresso bar provided by Illy Caffe. The theme of the party (fantasy, myths and legends) seemed present more in the guests than in the decor, with boys baring their chests bobbing to the beat on the dance floor which was framed by an ice castle *a la* "It's a Small World After All."

A Silent Auction titillated attendees with donated gifts such as a "Dinner with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi," health care products, and Vanna White dolls. Proceeds from the auction, and from the "Paradise Raffle" benefit lesser known charities with annual budgets under $200,000, and help defray the Academy of Friends' day-to-day operating costs.

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THE WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

Ice Pick Of the Month

The *Basic Instinct* brouhaha, which to short attention spanners already seems positively Pleistocene, fomented dialogue both productive and hilarious. What co-star Sharon Stone disingenuously minimized as "a two-box-of-popcorn thriller"—and critics basically characterized as a piece of shit—opened the floodgates of colloquy. And everyone got wet.

Arguments against anti-Instinct protests flourished. In his March 23 review, *Time*'s Richard Schikel dismissively wrote, "And, by the way, *Basic Instinct* is not antigay." Interviewing Stone, talkshow host Dennis Miller offered the dimbulbed notion that gays shouldn't be in a huff; after all, *he's* not protesting the film *White Men Can't Jump*. A March 24 AP release reported the flick "debuted atop the box-office charts, despite—or perhaps because of—protests by gay activists." A same-day *LA Times* piece said the movie topped box-office charts "despite—or perhaps aided by—well-publicized protests." Even Herb Caen wrote that day that, "Thanks to those affronted souls [protesting the film], the crummy movie grossed $15 million over the weekend." In a letter to the next day's *Ex*, a gay man wrote, "Had we...kept our mouths out of the whole thing, the film just might have been a dismal failure at the box office."

Maybe so. Then again, maybe not. These protests of protests miss the point: that Hollywood's history of entrenched homophobic gay/lesbian/bisexual imagery perpetuates damaging stereotypes, and can lead, directly and indirectly, to bigotry and gay-bashing. Despite the fact that clashes might fill a movie's coffers in the short run, gays and lesbians have no choice but to protest Hollywood's twisted negligence: To remain silent is to passively acquiesce to abuse.

After all, the same week the movie opened, Community United Against Violence released statistics showing that here in tolerant, loving San Francisco, there was a "strong upsurge"—11 percent—in gay-bashing incidents in 1991 as compared with the previous year. Nationally, the number of antigay attacks in five major urban areas climbed by 31 percent, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reported that day. (In reporting the statistics, the March 19 *Ex* perceptively paralleled the attacks to the controversial movie's release: "With the imminent release of the movie *Basic Instinct*..., some fear that violence against gays could sharply escalate in coming days.")

Furthermore, protesting in the '90s is about visibility—that is, access to the media, the mainstream's locus of discourse. Indeed, the *BI* protests, coupled with activist Oscar-night threats, whipped the media into a frenzy: While the supermarket tabloids blared about "gay terrorists" ready to colonize filmland, the April 6 *Time* weighed in with an uncharacteristically thoughtful one-page look at queer concerns about negative cinematic stereotyping. The conclusion: "What is needed is an open attitude and more good movies about gays."

Then there's the argument that we queers need to offer positive role models of our own. In a post-Oscar-night column, new, queer *Chron* film crit Edward Guthmann, a consistently perceptive writer, mentioned a gay man and lesbian who acknowledged their lovers on the telecast, and wondered if they, "in their own way, did more for the image of gays and lesbians than Queer Nation's rowdy demonstrators ever hoped to?" Don't think so: It's important to work inside *and* outside the system. QN shakes things up, putting a pipe bomb up complacent corporate and societal arses. Three-piece-suiters and jes' plain queer folk demonstrate that we live, breathe and eat just like everyone else. In fact, the *contrast* between rowdy protesters and inside-the-system, out-of-the-closet gays and lesbians shows the multifaceted nature of our community. There's room for both.

SHE DREW ON INSTINCT

I know lots of fags who liked the pukey thriller, not least because it featured heat-seeking missile Sharon Stone, a sultry demimondaine styled on the Madonna tip. But while Stone rattled on wrongheadly in the *BI* press blitz about gay activists stifling "free speech" (that's a larf, darlin'), a *true* funkster actress prepared to steam up theaters next month.

In the March *Movieline*, reporter Stephen Rebello notes that 17-year-old Drew Barrymore—yes, Drew, the rehab kid—"once donned boy's drag for a magazine photo spread, and... cuts a dashing figure in the vintage men's suits she sports around town, [and can] throw off sophisticated, androgynous heat worthy of Marlene Dietrich... But could she ever see herself *being* with a woman?"

Replies Barrymore: "I'm utterly fascinated by [men]. But I think I'm even more fascinated by women because I'll never truly *understand* a man. I can totally see how women fall in love with women because it's like exploring yourself. I've wished sometimes I could be a man, so I could take a woman. I don't know if that's why I'm always in men's clothes. I really have a male mentality. Sometimes my mother says I was really meant to be a boy...."

Barrymore Memories: A Fedora, A Tongue

Barrymore is starring in the upcoming *Poison Ivy*, in which she deep-kisses actress Sara Gilbert, the daughter on *Roseanne*. She describes filming the scene, including two tepid prior takes: "[For] the next take, I took Sara's face in my hands and started licking her lips, and suddenly she opened her mouth and I stuck my tongue in. A full tongue, major kiss. And the crew went wide-eyed. I mean, I don't know a lot of actresses who would stick their tongue down another girl's mouth on-screen, do you? When the director asked for another take, we went at it even more, and I could feel the crew cringing. Sara and I watched the playback on the monitor, [and] we were like, 'Oh, my God, that's us kissing and it's hot.' Two women kissing—and I don't think any man will disagree with me—is the ultimate fantasy."

Quips she: "I suppose now I'll walk into auditions and it'll be like, 'Check out the lesbian.' "

Move over, Jodie. *Way* over.

SWEET STENCH OF SUCCESS

Drew and Sara, Jodie and ?—and, of course, Madonna and Sandra.

In case you missed it, the aforementioned Edward Guthmann quoted, in his March 26 column, Susie Bright talking about interviewing La Bernhard at the British Film Institute's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in London.

Bright said Bernhard "revealed more about her relationship with Madonna and others than anybody hoped to hear. I'm so glad I didn't have a relationship with her so she could tell the world how my panties smell."

Mmmmmm.

Susie adds: "Sandra Bernhard had a capital-R relationship with this Cuban dancer, but Madonna wooed her away with all her money and fame. Sandra considers it betrayal of the first order.

And who, dammit, wouldn't?

HE'S IN PANTIES, HE'S IN BRIEFS

A 16-year-old boy likes to dress up in his sister's panties. A problem? Not really, if you're

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Drag Battles and Halloween Wars: CUAV vs. The Sisters, Inc.

BY TIM KINGSTON

Only in San Francisco will you ever find a Police Captain begin a letter, most respectfully, with the salutation, "Dear Mr. Ken Bunch (aka Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch)." And, unfortunately, only in San Francisco will you find such bloodthirsty sparring between gay/lesbian community organizations in an attempt to gain control over community events. This time the battle is over who will get 1993's street-closure permit, which determines who controls the increasingly profitable Halloween festivities in the Castro. The combatants are Community United Against Violence (CUAV) vs. the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (SPI, Inc.).

CUAV says it has organized, provided and financed anti-hate/violence patrols for the Castro's Halloween celebrations since 1981, and should therefore be granted a permit for organizing and profiting from the event in perpetuity—or at least for 1993, 1994 and 1995. (SPI, Inc., held the 1990 and 1991 permit.) Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch (aka Ken Bunch) retorts that CUAV's motivation is simple greed. He says that now that SPI, Inc., has transformed Halloween into a moneymaker, "a number of community organizations have taken note of our success and now want to steal our permit!"

"People come to Castro on Halloween night to see the drag queens and costumes," says Sister Vicious. "They don't come to see blue jeans. Drag queens should run the event!"

Neither of the group's motivations are entirely altruistic. The level of enmity and bitchiness over the street-closing permit is directly related to cold hard cash. Given that 1991's Halloween event raised some $25,600 after expenses—almost $19,000 of which was disbursed to three nonprofit community agencies (including CUAV), with the remaining monies held over for seed money for 1992—it should come as no surprise that things are a little testy between SPI, Inc., and CUAV.

As the conflict simmers, however, both sides have agreed to submit the dispute to GLADRS, the Gay and Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service. So far, GLADRS has held two sessions with the contestants. A final mediation is slated for April 13, the same day that the Board of Supervisors *was* scheduled to enter the fray with a special hearing. That hearing has been postponed, due to a continuance requested by CUAV on March 27. (Liz Dunn, the lead GLADRS panelist in the CUAV vs. SPI, Inc., mediation, declined comment to *SF Bay Times*, citing confidentiality restrictions.)

Ric Ruvolo, aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, says he suggested CUAV and SPI, Inc., go to GLADRS several weeks ago. At that point, all other negotiations had deadlocked. After finally getting the two groups into mediation sessions, Ruvolo says the process has broken the logjam. "Things are going very well in terms of being able to bring people together with real discussion. We are encouraged by that... Hopefully, there will be a resolution to that conflict very soon."

If the GLADRS process fails, however, the whole mess will wind up in the Board of Supervisors' lap and *that* is a call nobody at City Hall wants to make. "I am not sure why the Board should have to choose up sides and determine which groups in the community are its favorites," complains Dana Van Gorder, aide to Supervisor Carole Migden. "That is why this issue was taken to mediation, in the hopes that our internal disputes could be decided at a community level and not be given major public visibility."

Other aides at City Hall, who spoke off-the-record, are also concerned about the impact of the dispute. "Both groups are worthy of being chosen to run the Halloween festival. However, they are doing a lot of damage to each other in their struggle to be the only one [in charge]," says one aide, adding, "It is unfortunate they have both decided there is not room for both of them." Another aide gripes, "It totally irritates me that this is coming before the Board. They [SPI, Inc., and CUAV] should be able to work this out—but there are dollar signs around it!"

Photo by Marc Geller

The Sisters have been a Castro Halloween staple for years—after the 1989 earthquake they used the Castro celebration to collect donations for quake victims.

HISTORICAL VENOM, HYSTERICAL FUNDRAISING

The seeds of the battle were sown last year when SPI, Inc., and Joker Productions were locked in battle over who would get the street-closure permit for Halloween 1991. According to a letter submitted to the Board of Supervisors by CUAV on Feb. 14, 1992, both SPI, Inc., and Joker Productions had agreed CUAV should produce Halloween 1991, and that "*all Halloween fundraising would...be for the sole benefit of CUAV.*" But, CUAV asserts, neither Joker Productions nor SPI, Inc., followed through on that agreement.

Sister Vicious sees it differently. She argues that SPI, Inc., never promised CUAV all the proceeds, but notes that Joker Productions did promise CUAV more money than SPI, Inc., during the negotiations. Says Sister Vicious, CUAV "get all their expenses paid; they get 25 percent of the net proceeds [about $7,000]. And the respect they receive from the community will be enormous."

Barbara Cameron, executive director of CUAV, and Andrew Meads, CUAV Board chair, declined to comment on any aspect of the dispute, citing a confidentiality agreement made during the GLADRS mediation process. Of Sister Vicious' willingness to speak, Cameron says, "I figured they would say something, but we wanted to honor the agreement."

In the Feb. 14 letter, CUAV argues it should control Halloween for two reasons: historical tradition and need. "Crowd and traffic control, safety monitoring, communications and emergency counseling assistance—all among CUAV's primary talents—were for years the only organized help that a spontaneous Halloween really needed." The message of the letter was that CUAV's production of Halloween is a "natural outgrowth" of their association with the event.

Closer to the bone, CUAV argues that funds raised from donations at the gate will significantly supplement the agency's $300,000 budget and reduce its dependence on public funding. "I feel that the Halloween affair should be for CUAV instead of private gain," says Rafael Chang, former CUAV Board chair during the dispute last year. "This is one source of funding that has always been consistent for us and supports the organization."

But CUAV did not get the chance to get this year's permit. Instead, SPI, Inc., applied for and got the OK to control the street closure. CUAV retaliated by applying to ISCOTT—the Interdeptmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation—for the street-closing permit for the next three years. That request was turned down on Feb. 13, says Bond Yee, the Department of Parking and Traffic representative at ISCOTT. Yee says the CUAV request was refused because "ISCOTT has a policy of not accepting applications more than 360 days in advance."

CUAV then appealed to the Board of Supervisors against ISCOTT with two letters advancing its position on March 19 and March 27. CUAV has subsequently decided to hold off on this appeal, pending the GLADRS mediation.

The appeal process has only deepened the distrust between the two groups, and Sister Vicious is more than irritated about the affair. "There was never any money involved until we became involved in Halloween. It was our idea and our effort that created this money. It was not CUAV's energy or idea that went into this. It was ours. We turned a money drain into a money raiser—taking money from heterosexuals and giving it to queer community organizations." Vicious adds, "We completely transformed it, and because we were successful we were the victims of our own success. We took the risk at great expense of time and energy to transform this event."

One off-the-record supervisorial aide says Vicious is stretching the truth a bit. "It was really and truly a mutual idea that people sat around with, and Jill [Tregor of CUAV] came up with the idea before the Sisters did." That aide says both groups worked on the idea together "in

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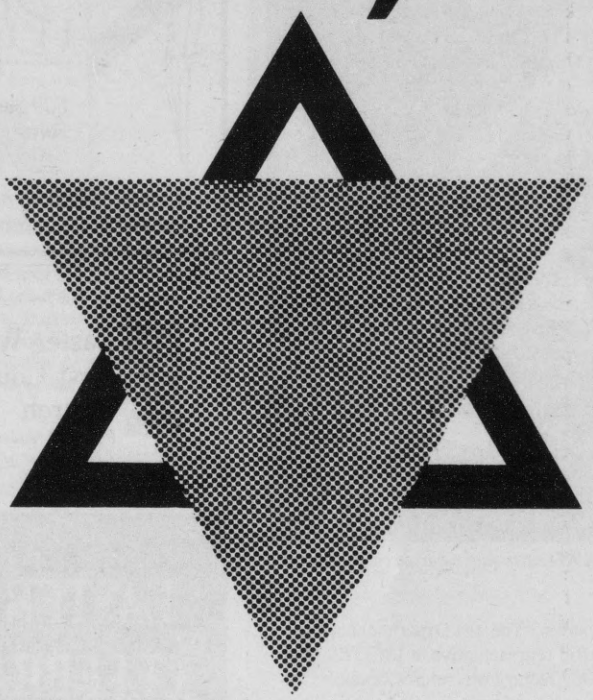


Our Torah, Ourselves

4th regional conference of lesbian, gay and bisexual jews, los angeles, march 27-29

(by marc smolowitz)

I do this a lot. At least four, five times a year; purchase Southwest's $59 fun fare, round trip Oakland-Burbank. And I'm there, so fast it's weird. In L.A. I'm driving around the valley in my parents' '81 Oldsmobile. Laurel Canyon. The synagogue we attended is somehow being renovated with recession dollars. (Somehow?) Studio City becomes more queer, vaguely. That bar on Ventura which always scared the shit out of me, Apache, has been remodeled; you know, glass block and southwestern motif.

And I'm driving around L.A.—that space which clearly signifies my memory of closet. And I'm driving around L.A.—that place which speaks to my Jew identity. To the memory of fears about both identities. Their intersection. Melrose and Crescent Heights; West Hollywood which butts up against Fairfax. Actually, a neighborhood for Jews; Canter's Deli; Cafe Flore; meeting places, "safe" spaces, like the Castro or Silver Lake. And some amorphous common knowledge that, yes, there are a lot of Jews here. Some wishful thinking that some of those Jews are Queer.

I'm always trying to penetrate L.A. (Jew) Queer culture in four nights and three days. Invariably, I do find the obvious. Tim Miller; Club Fuck; A Different Light in Silver Lake (soon to be closed); The French Market where I took my prom date, Jackie, in the tenth grade (she asked if there was a woman's washroom in here...). But where are all those brilliant (Jew) Queers that I hear about? The ones producing L.A.'s urban warrior culture, as I've heard it called. The ones articulating politics (yeah, but ACT UP and Queer Nation meetings are on weeknights). The ones fighting racism, choosing diversity, forging alliances.

And I'm driving through L.A., more directed now. My parents' Oldsmobile literally winding through Malibu Canyon, more beautiful than I've let myself remember (he's thinking very green this year, lots of rain in California). I've set myself up this time to find "it"; that thing I'm looking for. That thing which feels so important—community—for Queer Jews. I've been invited to a regional conference for Queer Jews. A pioneering idea; not a new idea, but still in 1992, pioneering.

I check in and look at the registration list of 130 conference participants to find only three other names with Bay Area addresses. Am I doomed to experience L.A. Jew Queer parochialism as I experienced N.Y. ACT UP parochialism? That overriding sense that other cities seem to have that we have it so easy here in San Francisco, and that we have attitude about it. When really this is a place where I live; where I don't always feel support from other Queers around issues of Jew identity; where homophobic, AIDSphobic straight guys (who I sensed were Jews) on Union Street scream at me: I have no right to protest *Basic Instinct*. When all I want to do is forge alliances with Queers nationally; with (Jew) Queers in that City of Angels, land of my closet, where images of my identities are produced and misrepresented. When all I want to share is some of the very special things Bay Area Queer Jews are doing. Some of the very special questions Queer independent filmmakers are asking. When all I want to begin addressing is the need for Queer Jews across the nation to...[fill in the blank, please].

JEW QUEER DAVENING

I step out of my car. Immediately, I meet this lovely gentleman who's covered in chickenpox scabs. "I'm not contagious," he says. His accent rings South Africa, "I'm weak. But, I really had to come see what this was all about." I tell him, "I've brought with me two short independent films which deal with our experience. I'm facilitating a workshop on 'The Imaging of Queer Jews in Media'. The chickenpox scab-covered man continues: He's Orthodox Jew Queer. He tells me that there's quite a large community of Orthodox Queers in Los Angeles. "Many of them will be here this weekend," he says.

I respond with a story because I feel most comfortable telling stories: I was seated on my $59 fun fare flight next to an Orthodox heterosexual couple this morning. They were davening (praying)—reading from prayer books which tell them I'm invisible. That I'm transparent. That I'm not even on that plane on my way to a conference for Queer Jews. The subtext of their prayers, as with most in Judaism, can be interpreted... "Put your hand right through his flesh, that faggot seated next to you on the plane...his body is the last site of his resistance." That I'm not even on that plane. Yet, there I am; eating my complimentary, unkosher peanuts; reading *How Do I Look?*; holding two Queer Jew film prints, thinking these two Orthodox Jews wouldn't even acknowledge that I'm a Jew. But I am.

It's sunset. Shabbat. Pleasant surprises always abound on Shabbat. A friend from L.A. appears suddenly and breeds intimacy, familiarity. Mr. Chickenpox Man please meet my wonderful graphic artist friend who is one of the few artists in the United States actively designing Gay and Lesbian Ketubbot (marriage contracts commonly used in heterosexual Jew marriages). Mr. Chickenpox Man who is Orthodox Jew Queer asserts with ambivalence, "Gay and Lesbian Ketubbot? Now, that's different." Clearly, conference participants were bringing with them a wide range of political views, religious values and lifestyles.

We walked hand in hand to the conference orientation: The three co-organizers adopted a new Mantra, "We're here. We're Queer. We're davening." Whistles blow; this is a Queer event; we're actively reappropriating, redefining, reinventing. And suddenly, davening, the act of Jew in prayer, like Queer/Dyke/Fag/Chicano/Happa/Black/Other, is torn upside down, inside out. And reclaimed. And the tone of their opening remarks tells me I am inside tradition and prayer—that tradition and innovation are two tenets of Judaism which have ensured our survival through six thousand years of persecution and hatred. But, I'm thinking, I'm not here to pray. I'm here to organize, galvanize, contextualize, realize. I'm here to deconstruct the myth of Jewishness. I am not Jewish; as the "ish" implies having qualities of. As the "ish" implies some level of hesitation; an uncertain, apologetic identity. I'm no more Jewish than I am Queerish or you are Christianish or she is African Americanish. I am Jew. Solid. Whole.

TOMBSTONES AND TORAH

(Self-critical note: Marc, you should read your materials before you start bitching.) The cover of the program notes for the conference reads, "Our Torah, Ourselves: Integrating our Jewish and Sexual Identities." This articulation and questioning around our relationship to Torah ("our" Book of laws) became the crucial sub-theme of the conference. The conference, which was in part sponsored by the Queer Synagogue in Los Angeles (Beth Chayim Chadashim), did organize a Friday night service. There, I was reminded how services can be an important space for congratulating the successful joint adoption of a Jew Dyke couple. How services can be a safe space for acknowledging collective or individual grief around the passing of our loved ones to AIDS, breast cancer and other illnesses. And—since I desperately needed to feel a part of the fold—to relish in my insider status, I surrendered to this davening discourse and attended a Saturday morning Torah Study.

My particular study session was facilitated by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Director of the L.A. Jewish Feminist Center. Rabbi Levi Elwell pointed out that the themes which are addressed in the Torah portion of that week deal with Jews and our relationship to death rituals. Clearly, the souls of our dead are important to us; and we have very specific ideas about how to ensure an easy transition for the soul into "afterlife."

I learned that the dead bodies of Jews cannot be left alone from the time of death to burial. That a Hevra Kadisha (literally, group of holy people) which is made up of community volunteers watches the body. I learned about the Shomer; the holy person who washes the body. I learned that all of these traditional options are open to me in most major cities, should I decide to plan for them. I learned of controversies in both the San Francisco and Los Angeles Jew communities around AIDSphobic Shomers who would not wash the bodies of gay men who had died of AIDS. I learned that Jews have closed caskets because we find it disrespectful to display a body which had once been full of life now without life. I learned that in death, Jews have definitions for clean and dirty, sacred and unholy. I learned...

My Torah study took place outside. At one point, I began to drift away along the Southern California smogline to Prague, equally polluted, circa 1990. In Prague there is a cemetery for Jews which stands now as a tourist spot. Imagine a graveyard large enough to properly bury 1,000 bodies, with room enough for 1,000 headstones. Imagine that same graveyard holding over 12,000 headstones. I'm walking through gnarled stone which almost seems to reach out for me saying, "join us, join us"; stone which breaks and cracks open against the pressure of other stone; stone which represents the oppression of Jews as we were not given land to properly bury our dead. I'm walking through this cemetery labyrinth as Swedish tourists laugh and play freeze tag amidst our tombs. As non-Jew American tourists articulate the Hi-8 Users, camcorder revolution and record for posterity the tomb of this strange, unknowable breed called Jews. Voices behind the video cameras whisper, "Join us, join us."

I cried. Alone. Wondering why Europe seemed to be one continuous homage to the death of Jews. Why cemeteries and certainly crematoria were our common way of experiencing Europe. I found an Israeli woman there who had traveled to visit the grave of her father. I begged her for answers, "Why didn't they fight back and demand land for the dead?"

On that Saturday morning, my question of two years ago was answered. With the help of other Queer Jews and Rabbi Levi Elwell's Jew Queer interpretive take on Torah, I found power in death and tombstones. I found power, even as a Gay man, through Torah. The very fact that the Jews of Prague insisted on burying their dead (even as headstone piled upon headstone) showed their insistence on the articulation of Jew identity. For with every burial of a Jew comes the practice of a certain commitment to our ongoing lives and tradition. In that small graveyard lives over 12,000 re-articulations of that caliber of commitment; of Jews to life and struggle. I find the power of life, in death and tombstones and Torah.

JUDAISM 101

I do want to point out that Torah, ritual, prayer, and song in and of themselves are not necessarily inclusive in an organic sense. There was one workshop of 27 which dealt with this issue; however there was no general acknowledgment by the conference organizers that within our midst exist Queer Jew novices. All Jews, Queer or Straight, construct a personal relationship to Torah and ritual, and had I not gone to Hebrew School, had a Bar Mitzvah, or gone to Jew camp, this weekend might have been incredibly alienating on that level. (Luckily, I did all three.)

So much of the conference was organized around a set of assumptions which says all Jews have had some level of common knowledge with respect to prayer or that prayer would be a motivating factor in attending such a conference.

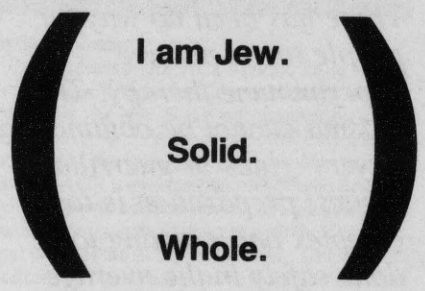
Certainly, the singing of songs and blessings at meals which absolutely requires previous knowledge was a throughline here; and I know many Queer Jews (even some who grew up in L.A.) who have no idea of Judaism as it is observed religiously— traditionally or progressively. I know many Queer Jews who have only embarked upon the process of discovering that special part of their identity; perhaps in their 20s; already on their own; very much living as out Queers. Queer Jews who don't necessarily understand the specifics around critiquing "our" traditions for their exclusionary, hetero-sexist content. And we cannot alienate them.

For example, at the conference shirts were on sale which read "One In Every Minyan"; words placed just above a row of nine circles and one pink triangle. I would venture to guess that many Jews have no idea what a Minyan is. And it is likely there were Jews who took part in the conference who did not know that traditionally the Minyan is a minimum number of heterosexual men (ten) which is required at synagogue for the earliest morning prayers. The conference was not a place to ask, "What is a Minyan?" or "Why is it important that women and Queers feel welcomed at Minyans?"; and this I found terribly disappointing. The notion of pre-requisite knowledges for entry into Judaism is, I fear, something which could easily undermine "our" efforts to build a Jew Queer community.

THE MARK OF JEW/QUEER

Overall, the depth and range of the 27 workshop topics certainly mirrored the diversity of experience and knowledges within Queer Jew milieu. Some provocative workshop titles included: "The Intersection of Jewish, Queer, and Pagan: Or What's Sex Got To Do With It," "Jewish Recovery, Jewish Spirituality: Our People, Our God, 12 Steps," and "The Myth and Reality of Equality in Israel: Women, Lesbians, and Gays."

In addition to facilitating my own workshop on our media concerns, I was able to attend "Loud Pushy Jew Queer: Deal With It." The description in the program notes reads: "Transforming stereotype into strength: How the heritage of justice in Judaism (not to mention prophecy and chutzpah) informs our queer selves." The workshop, well attended and representative of Queers ages 20-65, was a dynamic and pro-active dialogue which touched on many points of confusion with respect to the notion of claiming negative stereotypes.



Apparently, at the 1991 L.A. Gay Pride Festival, Jews from Queer Nation/L.A. marched as a separate contingent wearing stickers and holding signs which read this workshop title. As they marched, they invited other Queer Jews to join them, but they were met with an obvious tone of hostility. Queer Jews who attended the workshop and do not affiliate with Queer Nation were uncomfortable with claiming the stereotypes "Loud and Pushy." They expressed a need to offer new, more alternative/positive meanings of Jews.

Queer Nation Jew Queers at the workshop found strength in reclaiming those stereotypes. However, they did agree that wearing the sticker or holding the sign poses other problems around safety as we mark ourselves as a double target.

This, for me, is a central and volatile issue for Queer Jews and our relationship to Queer Nation and recent Queer movements in general. What does it mean for a Queer Jew to choose to "mark" his or her own body? While stickers are provocative and clearly about our visibility in the larger hetero-sexist culture, many Queer Jews are not comfortable marking our bodies in any fashion. Myself: I am a child of Holocaust survivors, and it feels that much more dangerous to publicly mark my body. In the context of the workshop, many participants shared their fears that other non-Jew Queers would respond to this criticism by saying "It's dangerous to be a Queer in the '90s. We're fighting for our lives. When are you going to put your life on the line?" One Jew Dyke woman experienced this sort of comment in the context of AIDS activism: "Once again, it's the Jews who have special needs."

Now, this is clearly anti-Semitic and not culturally sensitive. While Jews in the United States are not generally people of color and have not experienced racial oppression due to skin tone, we do have our own sets of fears, many of which exist around the Holocaust. When speaking about the Holocaust, we remember that in the camps survival meant that your body was your last site of resistance from the Nazis. And even then, the Nazis took that away with tattoos and other markings. Why would I want to do to myself what the Nazis did to my mother and grandparents; what the Nazis did to 14 million people? Can I reappropriate annihilation and genocide, like Jew/Davening/Queer/Dyke/Fag/Chicano/Happa /Black/Other, and define those things as empowering?

Today, the danger involved in wearing something on my body which says "Jew Queer" is, as it always has been, the danger of violence and bashing. Additionally, anything which publicly states that my body is the last sight of my political resistance instills in me a fear that by default, I define for myself no other spaces of power to resist oppression outside of my body. (Is Queer Politic easily reduced to a Body Politic?) Surely, if we are bashed we'll fight back with our bodies, and we can't deny the physical nature of our current political struggles. But for many Queer Jews, the immediacy of the Holocaust (if you are a child of survivors, the Holocaust is not some distant historical event with which you have no connection) instills a need in us to define other spheres of power and influence.

L.A.-based journalist Doug Sadownick, who facilitated the workshop on the intersection of Jew, Queer and Pagan, reminded me that for Jews, there has always been shame around the body. While we can identify a rich history of mindful, intellectual achievement, we are not encouraged to claim our bodies as a source of strength. In his workshop, he explored the notion that when fused together, Jew and Queer identity become a third powerful entity, "almost alchemically," he said. He offered that the Queer spiritual tradition, which locates itself with the body and pleasure, does not disavow the spiritual legacies of Jews, but rather can bring us closer to Judaism, closer to living inside our Jew bodies proudly, without shame. He said as Queer Jews, "We're a tribe. We know each other in ancient ways. And that magic place of connection is the source of our power." For him, the space of Pagan in relation to our identities, is a magical space where our Queer bodies and Jew bodies are not mutually exclusive.

I'd offer that he is correct. We all have different ways of naming the space of intersecting identities. But regardless, there lies the space which inspires. The gray areas of identity where answers allude us and fears seem to control us. The muck; the cracks, the mess; the fractures. The 4th Regional Conference of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Jews—unequivocally a pioneering idea.

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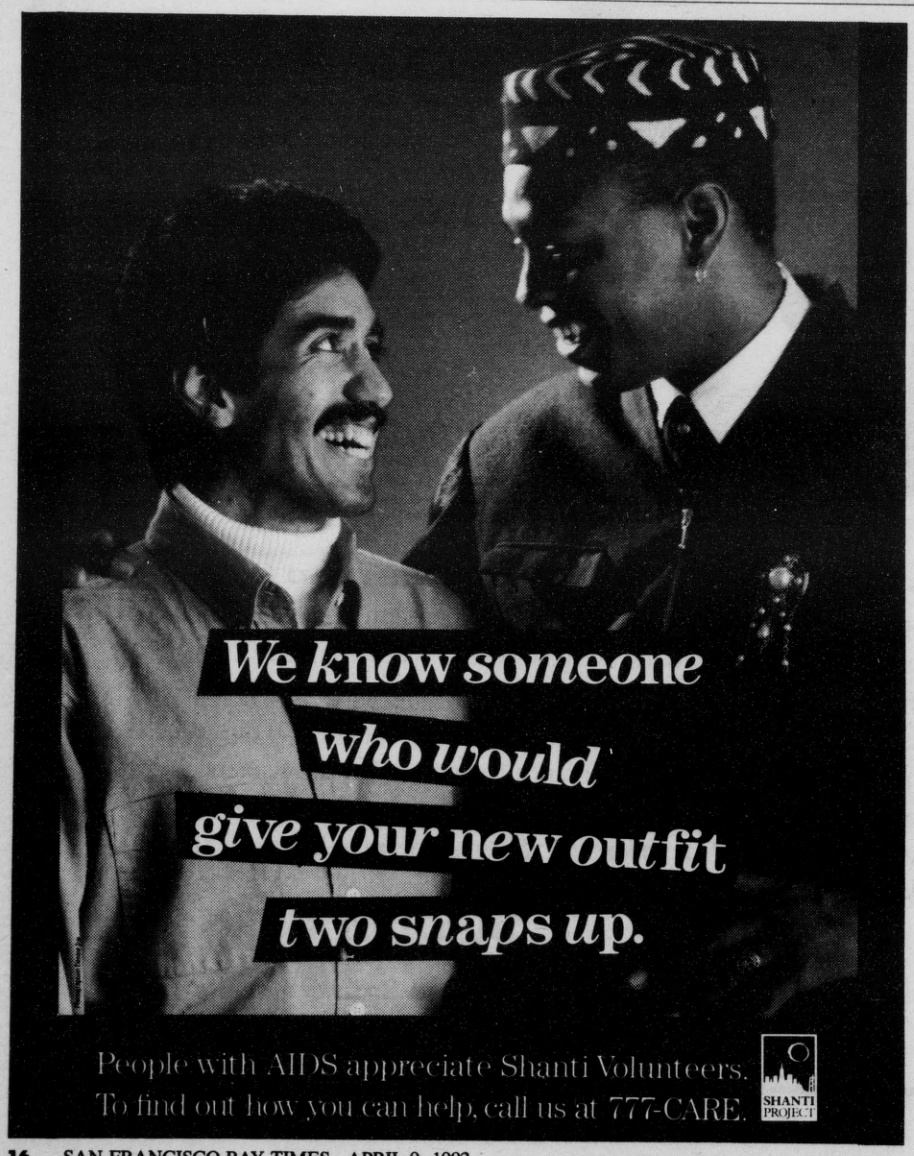
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Passive Hyperimmune Therapy

New Data Released, California Approval Possible

At a press conference on March 23, HemaCare Corporation, a small blood-products company in Southern California, released preliminary six-month results from its one-year clinical trial of passive hyperimmune therapy (also called passive immunotherapy) in persons with AIDS. Because the company had to be conservative in its interpretation, and because it did not release supporting details at this time, the importance of the report has not been widely understood. The HemaCare results, which are consistent with those of other studies, confirm once again that this treatment is highly beneficial for some patients, and almost certainly should be available as a treatment option.

This article examines the new report in the context of previous published studies of passive hyperimmune therapy, and also examines related treatments to see where this therapeutic approach may lead in the future.

There has been no way for people to get passive hyperimmune therapy. The plasma cannot be obtained by buyers' clubs or guerrilla clinics; preparation is too complex and exacting to be done safely in the average physician's office. Regulatory obstacles continually impede this therapy's development.

DEFINING PHT

In passive hyperimmune therapy (PHT, also called passive immunotherapy, or PATH), blood plasma is taken from donors who are HIV-positive but unusually healthy, and whose plasma has been found to have high levels of neutralizing antibodies (those which prevent the growth of HIV in laboratory tests). The plasma is usually pooled from several such donors, so that it is likely to contain antibodies effective against many strains of the virus. The pooled plasma is sterilized chemically to kill HIV and any other disease-causing organisms. The treated plasma is then infused into persons with AIDS who have lost their own ability to produce protective antibodies. In the recipient, these antibodies can last for several weeks; the current HemaCare study gives the infusion treatment once per month.

Donating the plasma is not believed to cause any harm, as the effective antibodies are quickly replaced; donation, in fact, often appears to be beneficial, as the body is stimulated to produce more antibodies and the levels rise to be higher than they were originally. Only blood plasma is donated; the blood cells are separated and returned immediately to the donor, allowing the plasma collection to be done more frequently than regular blood donations.

The most challenging steps in passive hyperimmune therapy are:

(1) Identifying the best plasma donors. This step is partly an art as well as a science, since at this time there are still many unknowns about which antibodies are most important in controlling HIV infection.

(2) Sterilizing the plasma. It is important to be sure that HIV in the donor's plasma is killed, to avoid re-infection with a different strain of the virus. But this must be done in a way that does not destroy the useful antibodies. As a safety check, every lot should be cultured to confirm that the virus has been killed; and the plasma should be processed in facilities meeting the standards of good manufacturing practices for pharmaceuticals.

(3) Setting up and administering the process. Regulations require that dedicated equipment and facilities be used to process HIV-positive blood, to avoid any chance of accidental contamination of other blood. If the treatment comes into wider use, community support will be needed to help find donors. And the treatment is inherently expensive, because it is labor-intensive and requires skilled medical specialists.

OTHER RELATED THERAPIES

- This treatment is called passive hyperimmune therapy in contrast to vaccines, which stimulate the body to actively develop its own immunity. In PHT, the antibodies are provided; the body does not need to make its own.
- Passive immunization with antibodies derived from human blood is widely used in medicine to prevent or treat infections other than HIV. Usually the whole plasma is not given; instead, the antibodies are extracted, and given as a product called intravenous immune globulin (IVIG). Several brands of IVIG are approved in the United States for prescription use; they may be useful in some cases to help persons with AIDS, especially children, resist various infections. IVIG appears to be underused in AIDS treatment, primarily because it is expensive.

IVIG contains no antibodies against HIV, since for safety purposes the blood used to prepare it is carefully selected to be HIV-negative; therefore IVIG may help to fight opportunistic infections, but not HIV itself. Sometimes the supplier of IVIG can select from a lot which happens to have a higher than average activity against a certain infection, such as CMV, which the physician wants to treat.

- A form of IVIG especially made to have high anti-CMV antibodies, called CMV-IVIG, was approved by the FDA in 1990 for certain kidney transplant patients. Because of supply problems, the drug was restricted to the patients considered most likely to benefit—those without CMV who received kidneys from CMV-positive donors. As of two years ago, the supply problems were expected to last about nine months. We have not heard of this treatment being tried for persons with AIDS-related CMV.
- An IVIG preparation specifically made with anti-HIV antibodies, called HIVIG, may be tested as an HIV treatment, at least in infants, or tested to see if it can prevent mother-infant transmission of HIV during pregnancy. This treatment appears to be essentially equivalent to passive hyperimmune therapy. HIVIG is only made by Abbott Laboratories, however, and that company seems less than enthusiastic about developing it.
- The ultimate future direction of passive immunotherapy for HIV and other diseases is likely to be in monoclonal antibodies. These are not extracted from human blood, but are produced by cells which are created in the laboratory by genetic engineering and other techniques. An anti-CMV monoclonal antibody is currently in clinical trials.

The development of anti-HIV monoclonal antibodies may be more difficult because of uncertainty about which antibodies are beneficial and clinically important. In the laboratory the wrong antibodies can actually increase viral infection; this has not been a problem in passive hyperimmune therapy trials, however. There is intense research interest in learning which antibodies are effective, since this information is important not only for developing antibodies for treatment, but also for developing vaccines, and for preventing HIV transmission during pregnancy. The AIDS community must pay more attention to developments in monoclonal antibodies around the world, to make sure that research and development move forward as fast as technically feasible.

PASSIVE HYPERIMMUNE THERAPY: THE HEMACARE STUDY

HemaCare Corporation had not previously run clinical trials, but it did have experience well suited for a study of passive hyperimmune therapy. The company specializes in therapeutic hemapheresis, a process of "separating the blood into its components, removing unwanted substances, and returning the other components to the patient." This therapy is used in at least 30 different diseases; HemaCare provides mobile units which travel to hospitals and administer the treatment at the patient's bedside. The company also sells platelet concentrates and other blood products from healthy donors—as well as plasma which contains rare antibodies. It had this experience before becoming involved in AIDS.

The current placebo-controlled study has 219 volunteers with ARC or AIDS. They are randomized to three groups: full-dose (500 cc of plasma once a month), half dose, and placebo. Although six-month interim data was reported, the trial is still continuing.

The most important result so far is that there were only a third of the deaths in the full-dose group as in the placebo group. However, there have not been enough deaths in the study for this result to reach the level of statistical proof. As a result, the company could not emphasize this survival difference, and its significance has been underreported and underrated.

What is widely overlooked is that the value of statistical significance is an arbitrary level which has become customary, not a gold standard of truth. A result which fails to reach that level because there were too few volunteers (or too few deaths) in a trial should not be ignored as if it did

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Anti-Drug Politics Impede Medical Use of Marijuana

Two government bureaucracies have recently decided to uphold regressive positions on the therapeutic use of marijuana, and the effect of the decisions was given an added sting by the death last week of Barbra Jenks, a Florida woman with AIDS who was once arrested for growing marijuana for her personal medical use.

On March 18, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) decided to uphold its barricade against medical access to marijuana. The decision comes almost one year after a Court of Appeals ordered the DEA to reconsider that position, and one week after the U.S. Public Health Service revealed that it would not expand its compassionate-use marijuana program (beyond the 12 patients now receiving government-grown drug). An estimated 300 people had applications pending for compassionate access to marijuana.

The decisions have been widely and sharply criticized. While the oral drug Marinol (a pharmaceutical version of marijuana's component THC) is available by prescription, many people with severe nausea and vomiting prefer marijuana. The Public Health Service argument that smoking marijuana could cause lung infections is generally regarded as specious, since the dried plant can easily be sterilized. The American public appears to support medical access to marijuana: 35 states have acknowledged its therapeutic value, and last November the city of San Francisco voted four-to-one to add it to California's list of approved medicines.

Reaction to the decision was particularly critical from four organizations which have been working to reverse the criminalization of medical marijuana: the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics (ACT), the Marijuana AIDS Research Service (MARS), and the Drug Policy Foundation, all based in Washington, D.C., and the American Medical Marijuana Movement (AMMM), based

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in San Francisco.

Spokespersons for ACT and the Drug Policy Foundation told us that lawmakers are timidly deferring to the Bush administration's indiscriminate war on drugs, and that they need to hear from the public to chart a more rational course. ACT is encouraging people who disagree with the government's position on medical marijuana to register their opinion with their senators and congressional representatives, and with the following legislative committees: Labor and Human Resources, Room SD-428, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20010, (202) 224-5375 and Subcommittee on Health, 2415 RHOB, U.S. Congress, Washington, D.C., 20015, (202) 225-4952.

For more discussion of the role of marijuana in HIV therapy, we recommend the book *Marijuana & AIDS: Pot, Politics & PWAs in America*, written by Robert Randall, President of ACT, and published by Galen Press. The book includes a chapter comparing marijuana and Marinol, as well as testimony given at a DEA hearing by Ivan Silverberg, M.D., a San Francisco oncologist who has treated many people with AIDS.

Barbra Jenks, who died on March 28, was in the eye of the national media when she and her husband Kenny went on trial for marijuana cultivation. The Florida Supreme Court eventually cleared the couple of the charges by reason of medical necessity, and Kenny Jenks continues to survive with AIDS. In 1990, in her affidavit for the trial, Ms. Jenks told the court:

"In every sense of the word, marijuana made a critical difference in my medical care. We were not throwing up. We were eating well and our weight was coming back. Kenny, despite his low T-cell count, continued working and bringing home a paycheck. Our mood was good.

"Because we were eating well, we were able to continue taking AZT, the only drug known to help retard the HIV virus. Many patients, unable to tolerate the intense nausea and vomiting of AIDS and AZT therapy, are forced to quit AZT. Unable to tolerate treatment, their disease becomes progressive and they rapidly fall prey to opportunistic infections. Marijuana helped us avoid this dangerous trap.

"Things went on like this for a year. Our health was stable, our spirits good. We stayed out of the hospital and with each other. Odd as this may seem, we were generally happy. I thank God for each day I am alive and try to make the best of each day."

The eloquence of Barbra Jenks, a 25-year-old woman with AIDS, won a victory in Florida for all people who may one day need to use marijuana. She spent her limited time and energy fighting what many consider a foolish and heartless national policy. Meanwhile, the federal government remains intransigent on the issue. Dennis Peron of AMMM told us that California alone spends $17 million annually trying (unsuccessfully) to eradicate marijuana cultivation, and that the U.S. government's total expenditures for its controversial drug war is $17 billion a year. Such a sum invites us to question why funding for medical research and health care is always a struggle at budget time. Perhaps these grossly tilted priorities will yet become an election-year issue.

—Denny Smith

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Passive Hyperimmune Therapy...

not exist. Instead, it should be considered together with other information which is available from the same or other trials. And when the available information on passive hyperimmune therapy is considered together—not broken up into pieces which are each thrown away because no piece by itself is conclusive—it provides considerable confidence that this treatment can provide substantial benefit to persons with AIDS, including survival benefit.

The six-month data did show statistically significant changes in T-helper counts, and in levels of beta-2 microglobulin, in those receiving full dose compared to placebo.

There were also fewer opportunistic infections with full dose than with placebo, although this change was not statistically significant at this time. The treatment may have worked best in patients who started with T-helper counts over 50. The trial is continuing, so more results should be available in about six months.

There was also a large drop in p24 antigen in the full-dose group. But this measurement may be hard to interpret in studies of passive hyperimmune therapy, since the infused antibodies may simply combine with the p24 antigen, directly affecting what is being measured without necessarily helping the patient.

OTHER STUDIES

• The most recently published study of passive hyperimmune therapy was conducted by researchers at the Hospital Necker in Paris. This study randomized 18 patients to either an experimental group, to receive plasma with high levels of antibodies against HIV, or to a control group given plasma from HIV-negative donors, which would not have any antibodies against HIV; the treatment was given every two weeks. Both groups also received AZT and conventional opportunistic infection (OI) prophylaxis. The experimental group had a greatly reduced number of opportunistic infections compared to the control group—two vs eight OIs, a difference which is statistically significant.

But when the treatment was stopped at the end of the study, the p24 antigen, which had become undetectable, rose to higher than its original value, and was correlated with severe clinical deterioration. This rebound effect suggested that it may be dangerous for persons with severe immune deficiency to stop passive hyperimmune therapy unless a similarly effective treatment can be substituted, "as virologic relapse may be explosive and poorly tolerated."

A BRIEF HISTORY

PHT for AIDS is not new. It was first tested in patients over five years ago. Three years ago there was a large, active and enthusiastic patient-activist movement, especially in San Francisco, to support testing and availability of this treatment.

But in the last two years there has been little public interest in passive hyperimmune therapy. The reason is simply that there is no way people could get the treatment. The plasma cannot be obtained by buyers' clubs or guerrilla clinics; preparation of the plasma is too complex and exacting to be done safely in the average physician's office. Regulatory and commercial obstacles continually impeded the development of this therapy.

Little if anything would have happened in the United States, except for the fact that California can approve its own clinical trials without the approval of the FDA, provided that the drug being tested is manufactured entirely within California. Since the plasma used in the HemaCare trial is collected and processed without ever crossing state lines, the California Food and Drug Branch (FDB) was able to approve this trial. As a result, passive hyperimmune therapy may be approved only in California. (Since the treatment is given only once a month, others could presumably come to California for it.)

HemaCare plans to apply to the FDB for a "treatment IND" to allow it to provide passive hyperimmune therapy to up to one thousand additional patients—before full approval, which would presumably come at the completion of the trial.

The treatment IND will also require community support to help in recruiting HIV-positive donors. Only a minority of persons with HIV have the best antibodies and could qualify as donors. Therefore several potential volunteers will need to be tested for each donor who is accepted.

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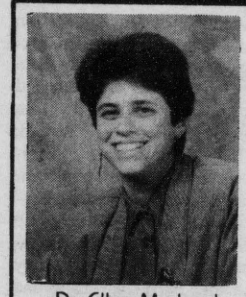

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Letters...

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Intervention Centers'' around the country, which serve as recruitment conduits for the NAP. These centers' philosophical premise is based on the ideas of Wilhelm Reich: that mental illness is caused by the manifold oppressions engendered by the capitalist system and that the best therapy is involvement in political activism against those forms of oppression. People with emotional problems come to these centers for counseling and get funneled into NAP party work. Even other Reichian therapy advocates question the ethics of ''empowering'' troubled individuals by channeling into working for the NAP's partisan agenda.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the NAP is the close relationship with Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam. In 1988, Fulani sought and obtained Farrakhan's endorsement of her Presidential bid. Some observers believe that Farrakhan was trying to get back at Jesse Jackson, who he felt had betrayed him. Jackson, who had once been on good terms with Farrakhan, distanced himself from his old friend after Farrakhan made his infamous comment about the Jews and their ''dirty religion.'' Farrakhan spoke at a rally for Fulani in Atlanta during the Democratic National Convention in July of that year (this wasn't the first time Farrakhan and Fulani had appeared together. As guests of the Libyan government, they once attended a conference on Palestinian Rights held in Libya). In Atlanta, Farrakhan warned Jackson, ''Don't punk out to the Democrats.'' In the African American vernacular, ''punk'' is a pejorative term for gay men. In the above context, Farrakhan was essentially saying, ''Don't be a faggot Jesse, be a man. Stand up to the Democrats.'' This snotty, homophobic comment is typical of Farrakhan, who has made many such statements. For example, Farrakhan claims that homosexuality was unknown in pre-colonial Africa and that Black lesbians and gay men have been corrupted by white, racist America. It is really strange to me that the ostensibly ''pro-gay'' NAP has sucked up to this nasty anti-gay bigot.

Farrakhan has said that ideally, women would not work outside the home. This is because Allah has ordained that woman's purpose for being in this world is to be a wife and mother. Farrakhan has similarly condemned abortion, using words that could have come from the mouth of Jerry Falwell. How does the NAP square their supposedly strong support for women's rights and legal abortion with their pandering to a Muslim fundamentalist who holds such medieval views on these issues?

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Over 75,000 people (police crowd estimates to the contrary—it WAS 75K) marched through San Francisco to demonstrate their support for legal abortion. The local march took place the week before the massive D.C. demonstration, where over one million people from all over the country delivered a message to Mr. Bush and his Supremely Inferior Court.

After the ''dirty religion'' comment, Farrakhan was widely condemned and rightly so. Phone calls were made to his headquarters in Chicago that ended with the injunction, ''Never again!'' This is an allusion to the holocaust which is frequently used by the Jewish Defense League. In a speech he gave later, Farrakhan said, ''Don't say 'never again' to God, because when he puts you in an oven you are in one indeed.'' This begs the question: how can the NAP claim to be ''pro-Jewish'' when they have cultivated close ties to someone who directs such hateful statements at Jewish people?

When they are questioned about these things, NAPers say things like, ''Farrakhan is a major Black leader. He deserves respect.'' Using that kind of twisted logic one could say that David Duke and Patrick Buchanan are major white leaders. Do they likewise ''deserve respect?'' My personal belief is that the NAP has made tailing after Farrakhan the centerpiece of a cynical campaign to hustle Black votes on the cheap. By cozying up to this anti-Semitic, anti-gay, sexist demogogue the NAP leaders have revealed their fundamentalist dishonesty and opportunism.

When I have questioned NAP fundraisers about these things, I have been called a racist and a sexist. In comparing notes with people who have encountered them in San Francisco, a pattern emerged: Rather than respond honestly and forthrightly to legitimate criticisms and questions about the NAP, their members resort to vicious personal attacks against their critics. But slandering their critics as ''racist'' and ''sexist'' will not make these questions go away, and they need to be asked again and again.

At all events, I would ask your readers to raise these questions the next time they are buttonholed by NAP fundraisers outside a bookstore or a supermarket. Many decent folks have been conned into giving these smooth-talking hucksters money, believing that this helps open up the political process to an alternative point of view. In light of the above, one wonders just what *kind* of alternative the NAP is.

Tom Terrell
Mountain View

OUT/LOOK Responds

It was with a great deal of sadness and anger that I read the ''Commentary'' from Thom Bean regarding the current flap over the facts surrounding the presentation of the newly instituted Joseph Beam Memorial Award. It seems to me that this needlessly inflammatory little hit piece reflects Mr. Bean's antagonism toward *OUT/LOOK* than it does any constructive, realistic and meaningful desire to address and resolve issues of *''manipulation, invisibility and emasculation of Black gay men...''*

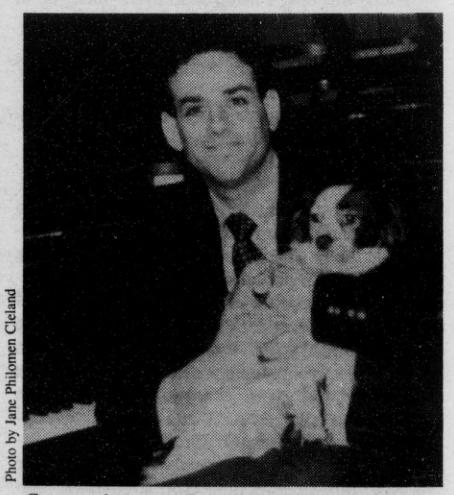
As an African American gay man, and writer, I cannot but agree with many of the issues that Mr. Bean raises regarding our treatment in the world of publishing. However, as a current member of the board of directors of the OUT/LOOK Foundation, I cannot but be appalled and outraged by his blatant and mean-spirited mischaracterization of the Foundation and its members as a group of *''white liberals...blind to their own racism.''*

It is my understanding that Sasha Alyson intended the award to be given for a work that not only has ''outstanding social impact'' but that breaks new ground as well; as Joseph Beam's *In the Life* did. While I have nothing but kudos for Essex Hemphill's [sic] *Brother to Brother,* as well as a great deal of respect for him and his work, it seems to me that this work is in many ways one that builds on the ground already ''broken'' by Beam's title.

Speaking to the issue of whether the award should be meant to solely honor African American writers, I have to disagree strongly for a number of reasons. I tend to agree with Ms. Sojourner's comments on the dangers of ghettoization as regards race- or culture-specific awards; however, I feel very strongly, as do Messrs. Hemphill, Saint, and Bean obviously, that there should be an award that honors Black gay writers. My question to these gentlemen, as well as to myself, is why the hell haven't we done it then? Sasha Alyson has the right to do with his money whatever he sees fit, regardless of what you or I or anyone else thinks should be done with it. We have the right, as well as, I believe, the responsibility to do that which we feel we need to honor our own. Why hasn't one of the self-appointed spokespersons for the Black gay ''community'' ever rallied support around an idea of this kind? Why haven't we put our talents, resources, money or fund-raising capabilities toward an endeavor that is ours and does exactly what we want it to, instead of playing the low-blow-blame game when someone else's endeavor doesn't fit our criteria for what is right and just?

OUT/LOOK magazine and the Foundation are currently undergoing a major financial and organizational crisis. Administering Outwrite '92, publishing the magazine, and coping with day-to-day realities of the ongoing crisis have taken a grave toll on the energies of a severely depleted (three person) staff involved in these operations. It is no surprise to me that situations have occurred that might have been better handled. However, neglecting to inform Mrs. Beam as to who would be picking her up at the airport has absolutely nothing to do with *OUT/LOOK,* as *OUT/LOOK* had nothing to do with this. Bean's implication that this was the fault of Jeffrey Escoffier or the magazine, and your assertion that Mrs. Beam's presence is being used to *''legitimize their shabbiness''* is some of the most shameworthy tripe that I have seen masquerading as legitimate reportage in a long, long time.

OUT/LOOK has long been an important and reliable resource for writers and artists among people of color. I'm sure that there are lots of people with complaints of one sort or another about the magazine and the conference. I have a few myself. But let me tell you a little story. Last year I attended Outwrite '91. I had been on the board of directors of the OUT/LOOK Foundation for exactly two weeks at this point. I was approached by a group of people who gave me a statement addressed to the Outwrite planning committee, from a group styling itself the Ad-Hoc Caucus of Lesbians and Gays of



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African Descent. This statement contained a list of objections and recommendations regarding inclusion of people of color in the decision-making process of the conference. At the end of this statement were three pledges from the caucus: (1) to provide assistance to providing possible panelists and moderators; (2) to provide a bibliography that included works of people of color, to assist moderators in including our voices; and (3) to remain in dialogue, so that the conference could fully serve all of its attendees.

I gave several of these people my phone numbers, and promised to take the statement to the board of directors. As a follow-up, I subsequently contacted several of these people, to talk about these concerns. I also asked them to become involved personally, by considering serving on the board, or working with the San Francisco Outwrite Planning Committee, etc. Not one individual, *not one*, would meet me halfway on this. "I'm too busy," or "Oh, no. I've heard about the board. I don't think that I could work with them," etc.

You can draw your own conclusions about my experience. It was depressing and humiliating for me to realize that the "pledges" were a lot of hot air from people who were unwilling to truly put themselves on the line to effect change. My feeling at this point is, if you're not willing to work to be part of a solution to a perceived problem, then shut up!

In closing, I'd like to point out that just as Hemphill feels "sick and tired of... white people who claim to speak for me," I've just about had it with Black people who set themselves up as spokespersons and mood indicators for me and the thousands of other African American women and men who comprise the "Black gay community." I've spent a good part of my 39 years on this planet confronting racism, and know it well enough to obscure the integrity of a very real issue to suit their own agenda. And Mr. Bean would be well-advised to use his talents for something other than meandering diatribes full of half-baked, misleading innuendo, remembering that *what goes around, comes around, Brother.*

Michael Douglas-Llyr
OUT/LOOK Foundation Board of Directors

Thom Bean replies: *Mr. Douglas-Llyr seems as confused as he is angry—not the best combination. Douglas-Llyr (D-L) identifies himself as a "writer." I am not familiar with any of his published writings unless, of course, he only has reference to this particular letter. In his three-page diatribe, D-L referred to "I" over twenty times! Unfortunately, he vented his personal feelings and assumptions without focusing on the real issues: getting his facts straight.*

The players behind his little outburst—Sasha Allyson and Jeff Escoffier—have already admitted their error at OutWrite '92 in Boston.

D-L has had no personal conversation with me, and, as far as I know, is in no position to ascribe ulterior motives to me or my article. He alludes to my "antagonism toward OUT/LOOK," my "motives" and my "agenda." It is not clear how D-L has grasped all of this without benefit of speaking to me. Who is he to tell me about my motives? Who is he to expect the most famous writers in the country to call him because he gave out his card at OutWrite?

Also, it is not clear whether or not D-L speaks for the OUT/LOOK Foundation Board in this matter, or just himself. His letter is signed with just his name on a blank sheet of paper. However, the fax cover sheet indicates his missive is from the OUT/LOOK Board of Directors. Again, who does he represent? My article, on the other hand, clearly indicates: "Commentary by Thom Bean." And even though the piece is commentary, "I" is credited only once to this writer in the article. Those opinions belonging to others are clearly credited to their respective authors by quotation marks.

For example, "They want to use her (Mrs. Beam's) presence to legitimize their shabbiness" was a quote from Essex Hemphill. Not me. He felt that a certain respect should have been accorded the mother of Joseph Beam which was not. And, in my humble opinion, he was right. No representation anywhere in my article indicates that this writer or anyone else quoted is speaking in behalf of all Blacks as a monolithic block. That being the case, D-L does not have to agree or approve. We each are entitled to the expression of our opinions under the First Amendment. And some of us who have more experience and greater perspective are able to publish our commentary and set "agendae." For example, Assoto Saint said, "manipulation, invisibility and emasculation of Black gay men" were to be discussed at the conference—and they were.

Unfortunately, there were editorial and typographic mistakes in my article. Mike Bronski, with an "i," is not editor of GCN. The OutWrite '92 Conference was held March 20-22. And a quote from Marlon Riggs was erroneously skipped in production. As to D-L's little pique, were he civil or a known writer who had worked as long and hard as the constituency which supports my position, I might take more notice. Perhaps he had vested interest in damage control. Perhaps those writers who have a longer memory (and frankly more experience) have discovered a different truth. Perhaps this is D-L's "loyalty" speaking. Unfortunately, each group has a quisling who speaks before he knows what he is talking about—and has no respect for those who have gone before him. And after one quisling serves his purpose, there is always another anxious to take his place, just as forgettable as the last.

Fortunately, this writer is in good company. Among the 250 who signed the statement read at OutWrite '92 were: Audre Lourde, Barbara Smith, Essex Hemphill, Assoto Saint, Marlon Riggs, Brian Freeman, Jewelle Gomez, Ron Simmons and other known *writers.*

The bottom line is: Neither OutWrite, OUT/LOOK or D-L has the right to trivialize Joseph Beam's name; to erase the essence of his lifework. D-L's attack on my article will not change the inappropriateness of what has been done. Nor will his apologist blustering like a guard dog at the gate of his master's house remedy the basic disrespect and arrogance behind what took place.

Those Black writers and activists who signed the letter presented in Boston understand we must nurture, support and guard our icons, each other, and those who have gone before. This is but an example of the real road before us. So, D-L should not call me brother. D-L is not my brother. My brother speaks from a space called respect. D-L does not. Perhaps D-L is more akin to that Black-faced person who stands inside the Big House, white-gloved, but not a part of anybody's family. Sometimes it is saddening. Sometimes it is comic. So often the quisling understands neither his position nor his purpose.

Lesbian Cop Sues Sacramento Police

Shawn Hansen dreamed of being a cop all her life. Yet on April 2 Officer Hansen filed suit against the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) for discriminating against her because she is a lesbian, because she is a woman, and because she refused to keep quiet about a vendetta the Police Department and fellow officers pursued against her since her very first day on the force.

"Shawn has been with the SPD since 1986 and has essentially been subjected to constant harassment and discrimination," says Michael Adams, an intern at the San Francisco Employment Law Center, now handling her case. "We believe [SPD] have created an atmosphere where it is impossible for Shawn to function as an effective police officer and an out lesbian," says Adams.

The lawsuit alleges vicious harassment. The case includes descriptions of homophobic graffiti on her police locker ("Go Home Dyke" and "Fucking Queer"), graffiti on her squad car, and frequent vandalizing of her personal car with eggs, shaving cream and Vaseline. It includes her finding, more than once, animal feces and a dead rat in her police mailbox. It includes police reports she had written, mysteriously "disappearing," causing Hansen to be disciplined for not doing her work. It includes threatening and abusive phone calls to Hansen's unlisted phone number—a number to which only her family, friends and the SPD had access.

"My sexual orientation and my gender has been more important to my employer than my ability to perform my job," says Officer Hansen in a statement announcing the lawsuit. She is pursuing the $2 million lawsuit—plus back pay and all legal fees—not only to receive restitution, but also to make certain that Sacramento takes its own sexual orientation and gender-discrimination laws seriously. The SPD did not return *SF Bay Times'* phone calls.

Take Back The Night

Take a stand against Violence Against Women and join the annual "Take Back the Night! Take Back Our Lives!" march on Saturday, April 11. The women-only march will kick off at 7 pm at Civic Center in San Francisco. For more information, contact (415) 773-9871.

Robert Alton Harris Death Vigil Protests

Robert Alton Harris waits on San Quentin's death row for Gov. Pete Wilson to decide if he should live or die after a clemency hearing scheduled for April 15.

Attorneys for both sides presented their briefs for the clemency hearing on April 7. Pat Clark, executive director of Death Penalty Focus, a group opposed to capital punishment, is doing more than waiting. "Our goal is to continue to send letters to the governor, and collect signatures to send to the governor to let him know that there are still a number of people who oppose execution and especially the execution of Robert Harris."

Death Penalty Focus needs volunteer pickets at the Gates of San Quentin through April 20; for information, call (510) 540-0681. On April 13 there will be a Death Penalty Forum at Stanford. On Friday, April 17, rallies will be held at Stanford and the Capitol in Sacramento, 11-3 pm. There will be a demonstration in San Francisco on Saturday, April 18, at the Marina Green Park, 12-2 pm. Death Penalty Focus has further information on all events at (510) 452-9505.

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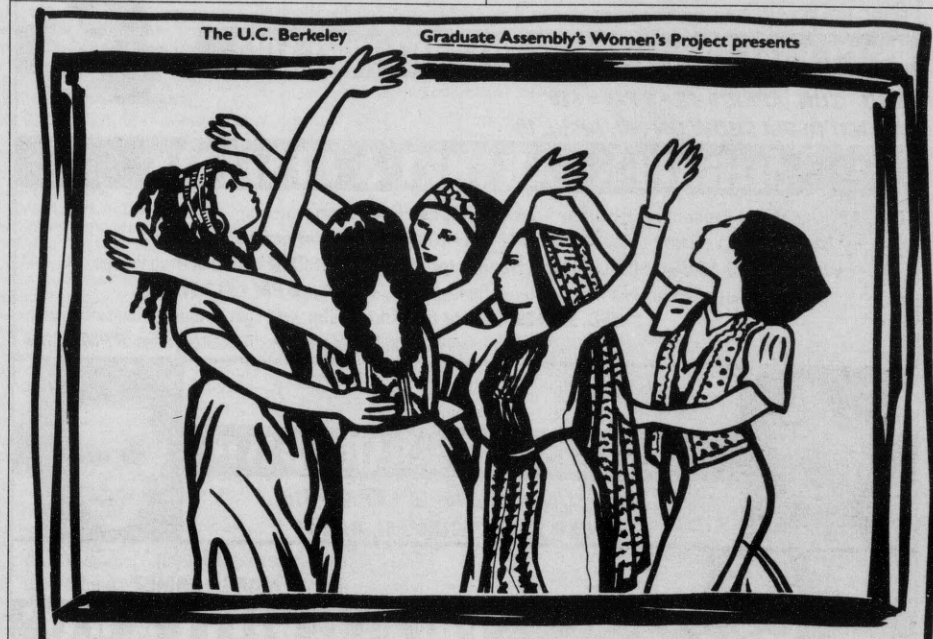

LEGACY OF RESISTANCE:
EMPOWERING WOMEN OF COLOR CONFERENCE
—OUR SEVENTH YEAR

Saturday, April 25, 1992, 8AM-5:30PM
Booth Auditorium, Boalt Law School, UC Berkeley Campus

KEYNOTE PLENARY:
Using Our Political Legacies on the Front Lines
Participants include: Helen Zia, Managing Editor of Ms., Organizer in Vincent Chin Case; Maria Cora, Bay Area Cultural Worker/Activist and Artist; Betty Cooper, Native American Family Healing Center

Closing Performance by Rhodessa Jones, 6PM
$5-$15 sliding scale, includes lunch
(Pre-paid conference participants receive $3 off $18 seats for Thursday, April 23 at Zellerbach Auditorium with tickets purchased with conference registration)

For conference registration, contact the Graduate Assembly (510) 642-2175

Co-sponsored by the Graduate Assembly's Graduate Women's Project, Graduate Minority Students' Project and Educational Improvement Grant Program (EIGP), Office of the Chancellor, Ethnic Studies Fifth and the Graduate Union of Ethnic Studies Students.

Both events wheelchair accessible.

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gay asian pacific alliance presents

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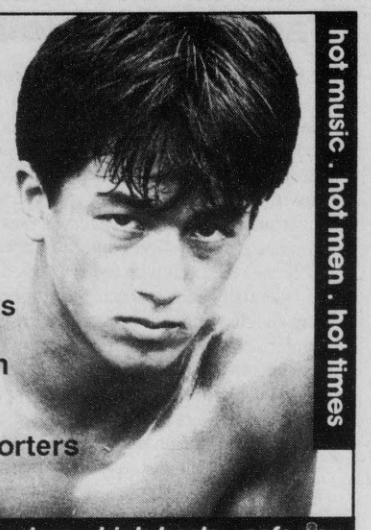

hot music . hot men . hot times

a dance party that burns, baby, burns

Saturday, 11 April 1992, 8 pm to 1 am
Fort Mason, Bldg. C, Room 260

$6 non-members; $5 members/supporters
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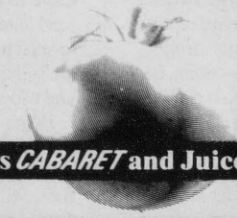

"Josie's *CABARET* and Juice Joint..."

JOSIE'S CAFE opens daily at 10 AM weekdays & 9 AM Saturdays & Sundays featuring fresh juices, sandwiches, omelettes & home-made soups.

"A treasure chest of gay camp." *–SF Chronicle*
DOUG HOLSCLAW in his mysterious comedy about sex, Greta Garbo, & home shopping

'DON'T MAKE ME SAY THINGS THAT WILL HURT YOU'
THU - SUN, APRIL 9-12 • 8 PM • $10
ADDED 10 PM SHOW ON FRI, APRIL 10

MIDWEEK CABARET & BENEFITS

TUE, APR 14: MTLU Presents A Birthday Toast to Stephen Sondheim featuring the Bay Area's top cabaret talent. ***8 PM • $12-$15 • (Call 928-0633 for tickets.)***
WED, APR 15: LAUGH FOR LIFE III: A Benefit for PROJECT INFORM featuring Greg Proops, Margaret Cho, Mark Davis, Karen Ripley, Danny Williams. ***8 PM • $12-$15***
WED, APR 29: Benefit for Mike's Film with Tom Ammiano, Pansy Division, Justin Bond, Aaron Fricke and Miss Ann Drogynous. ***8 PM • $10+***

"Cho is original and imaginative." *–SF Weekly*
Comics

MARGARET CHO & MARK DAVIS
THU-SUN, APRIL 16–19 • 8 PM • $10
ADDED 10 PM SHOW FRI, APR 17

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A return engagement of **MARGA GOMEZ'** comedy solo

'PRETTY, WITTY & GAY'
TUE–SUN, APR 21–26 • 8 PM • $10 • ADDED 10 PM SHOW FRI, APR 24

"Kron clowns with sass [and] croons with great style." *—Village Voice*
NY Comic **LISA KRON** in her one-lesbian comedy

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THU, APR 30 AT 8 PM • FRI, MAY 1 AT 10 PM • SUN, MAY 3 AT 8 PM
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"Magnificently upbeat...an original." *–SF Examiner*
Dynamic Jazz-Blues Singer

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with **KITO GAMBLE** on Piano and **DEWAYNE OAKLEY** on Bass
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RESERVATIONS FOR ALL SHOWS: 861-7933
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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

The Fun Begins

Early last week Saturn began aspecting Uranus; this week Saturn begins aspecting Neptune, as well. These aspects will stretch out through the summer and repeat again next January. Get ready for some delicious scandals involving religious leaders (way beyond Jimmy Swaggert's small potatoes!). Reactionary efforts to assert power will backfire, shattering religious institutions to the right and to the left.

Focusing on more immediate concerns, Mercury has just turned direct, but he's still in Pisces, so there will be a lingering spaciness for a few days until he gathers some steam and enters Aries, Tuesday morning, April 14. Then all kinds of wonderful ideas (G-d help us!) will be offered fast and furious. Read Rudyard Kipling's *If...*, and look before you leap into the verbal fray.

ARIES: Recent weird dreams will quickly make sense and then soon fade away. Life in general is getting a lot more sane (although you're getting a little more noticeably strange), and you can stop looking for Rod Serling around every corner. Always individualistic, you're growing less tolerant of authority figures and determined to trust more in G-d, your own instincts, fate. All of a sudden your friends seem more conservative in contrast, but they can be very helpful and grounding. Oddly, you're inclined to let them, but you're about to get so mouthy they may not realize that you really are listening. Nobody could keep you from having your say, so trust that your chance will come. In the meantime, try to act attentive and your pals will prove tremendously helpful. *Happy Birthday: Terry Rose, Robert Haule, Autumn Courtney & Ron Walent!*

TAURUS: Your friends have been a bit weird and spacey lately; soon they'll turn sharp and direct. You may be easily offended (or offensive) without intent. Ready apologies will help trouble to blow over quickly. Creative approaches to your ideals (or creative handling of others' ideals) can be tremendously helpful in advancing your career. You are at or near the peak of a 29-year career cycle, so make the most of it. The trick is to make your own individual philosophy compatible with institutional doctrines you need to deal with. Long and slow is your style. Fortunately, you have all spring and summer to work it out. *Happy Birthday: Tony Stork!*

GEMINI: Nobody ever accused you of being shy, but you're coming into a streak of bold verbosity that will enhance your reputation for frank verbosity. (Will Mr. Frank Verbosity please answer the white courtesy phone?) As if life needs to be yet more interesting, you're suddenly getting rather dogmatic about metaphysical notions and/or sexual ideals. Eager to test your ideas, you risk getting into some nasty arguments. To hone that sharp little brain of yours (which is what you really want to do far more than you want to prove any particular point), stay as willing as you usually are to entertain and integrate new ideas.

CANCER: Your mind is about to take off in a million new directions. With any luck it will stay ahead of your mouth, but don't count on it. You can exercise some discretion, but it will take a little effort—at least. You're likely to get into rhetorical cul-de-sacs where you are trapped into defending ideas you aren't committed to. On the other hand, you may relish the challenge well enough to play devil's advocate. You will be pushed against various walls and tempted to control things you can't. Do your best to open up and trust your partner. It will be scary at times, but you will find tremendous rewards and a depth of love you sometimes don't even dare to dream of.

LEO: You have a lot to roar about, but never mind what and why. Be careful about when, where and at whom. You're likely to scare off innocents and others who may want to help and/or please you. Craziness at work is making your partnership very difficult right now. Judge your limits conservatively and let others do their own work. Your tendency now is to try to control things and get so burnt out that you don't have energy for the one who needs it most. Or is it hardship with your partner that's causing you to unleash your craziness at work? Take time to rest, think, sort it all out. Go easy on yourself, your lover, and your co-workers—in that order.

VIRGO: Your partner finally tells you all the things s/he's been holding back, although you've probably figured them out already. But now you get to sort out the reality from the paranoiac tapes running around in the back of your brain. What? No partner? Well, if you want one, frank outspokenness will help you find your match. It's a good thing you like hard work. These days you've been getting more than your share. More to the point, you get some insights on turning your creative diddling into something very productive. It will take months of hard work, but you could even make something quite substantial out of those crazy artistic ideas you've been having.

LIBRA: It feels like time to start fixing up all the little snafus that have been complicating work lately. Indeed, it is time to get your own work into order. Resist the urge to help others, at least until they ask for your assistance. Yes, you are such wonderful help, but people are inclined to be a bit testy these days so leave them alone and we'll all be happier. Focus some of that energy on your creative interests. You'll find all kinds of insights from your childhood and your heritage working their way into your artistic outlets. Some revelations will be a bit uncomfortable, but you'll find your creative techniques strengthened by this unexpected depth. You'll find down the road that you'll be able to profit from these challenging innovations, certainly psychically, probably materially as well.

SCORPIO: Your creative juices are beginning to burst loose. Be careful you don't end up like Betty Pearl! It could happen all too easily! You're at the beginning of a 14-year career upswing. New ideas, weird inspirations through the rest of this year will help you to see all kinds of directions in which you can go. It's a fine time to experiment, but your novelties could cause trouble at home. Some basic stuff like respecting agreements would help. Yeah, perhaps your roommate is being a perfect bitch, but the only solution is to keep your own behavior above reproach, so there's nothing to bitch about.

SAGITTARIUS: Recent domestic upsets are beginning to clear up. Money is another question. That will continue to be weird and unpredictable, which in turn can make you a bit cranky and hard-edged over the next few months. Relatively cranky, for a Sagittarius. Actually that "hard edge" could be focused toward creative ways of making money. Channel your creativity into shrewd strategies and you could find a way to make a profit out of the current challenges. Some entertaining at home will open up new possibilities for fun and games, not that that will solve the money troubles. But it will help keep things upbeat in the meantime.

CAPRICORN: Your sign is characterized as the stonefaced image of quiet, shrewd counsel. If you can live up to that this week, you're doing a damned good job. You're all too likely now to pop off with ideas on anything and everything. Try to quietly offer yourself as a silent example. You'll find yourself acutely aware of your shortcomings, and exaggerating them fiercely. That will help you regain your typical discretion, but be gentle on yourself.

AQUARIUS: You seem to be channeling some powerful force from one of the many alternate realities inside your brain. Psychic gifts, painful old memories, weird bits of the inner self are getting some grounding in reality. Well, *reflection* more than *grounding*. It's going to get weirder before it gets saner, but let the weirdness unfold and you'll find powerful self-knowledge within. For now retail therapy may offer small comforts, but you'll be happier in the long run if you practice economy. Fights about money are waiting to happen, even if you're only going to argue with yourself. Think about what you really want before you get within miles of a cash register.

PISCES: Your sign is famous for a reticent, meditative demeanor. Of course, we know better. Right now you are especially outspoken. This can get weird even in your most rational periods, but nowadays your mouth is more closely wired to your intuitive side than to your logic. Sometimes (like now!) you tend to think out loud with no awareness that you are saying quite audibly your most private thoughts. This is a wonderful time to be reading your poetry or playing your music, but the dailiness of life may not be ready for your Calvin-and-Hobbesian excursions through meta-reality. I suggest discretion, focus and selection of venue. Channel that creative vision; don't suppress it!

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

COMPILED BY MAXINE MORRIS

APR 9 / T H U

Frequent Flyer Fund for Amsterdam Conference: Winship Travel asks frequent flyers to donate their airline award coupons to enable PWAs with limited funds to attend the Int'l Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam (7/19-24). If you can be a donor, contact Tom Slama 931-4943.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today & 4/23 at 711 Eddy St, SF.

Small Events Planning Mtg: Join Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) and help plan upcoming activities. 7 pm in Mill Valley. Call Janice 383-6737 for directions.

Wildflower ID Course spons by UC Calif Botanical Garden. 7-9:30 pm thru 6/4. Botanist/educator & author, Dr Glenn Keator, presents an evening course on identification of wildflowers in the major plant families of Calif. 7-9:30 pm in the Meeting Room at the UC Botanical Garden, with optional field trips tba. Enrollment limited. $75 for series, $10 per single wkshop. For reg/info: (510) 643-3352.

Planetree Health Resource Ctr's Health Lecture Series continues with "Adaptogens: Herbs for Immunity," a lecture by Michael A Weiner, PhD on the virtues of many plants for enhancing the immune system's resistance to illness. Weiner, who has studied traditional medicine for over 20 years, discusses "adaptogenic" herbs and their practical application. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Light refreshments served, attendance limited, call Rosalind 923-3680 for info.

See *Deep Blues* at the Red Vic Movie House: First-rate music documentary records the journey that the Eurythmics' Dave Stewart took with writer, musician & blues authority Robert Palmer to pay tribute to the music that inspired so many rock musicians to take up the guitar. Film tribute to the Delta blues, featuring several musicians still living & working in the South. For showtimes call 668-8999. 1727 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-8999.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: What Can We Learn from our Gay Male Friends About Love, Sex & Relationships (Part II). Please bring your gay male friends! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," his critically acclaimed one-character play, a mysterious comedy about sex, Greta Garbo & home shopping: High above the city in a 3-D chamber of pink, Pete Hilton plots murder, revenge & dinner parties, wearing really cute clothes. 8 pm, $10. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 4/12 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm show on 4/10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

ATA Open Screening: Show your VHS video works at Artists Television Access. 10-min time limit (approx). Sign-up starts at 7:45 pm, program at 8. First-come, first-shown. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Chea Villanueva reads from her sequel to *Girlfriends—The Chinagirls*. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives' Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Comic Margaret Smith headlines The Other Cafe/Club Politics. 8:30 pm, tonight; 8:30 & 10:30 pm tmw; and 8:30 & 10:30 pm on 4/11. Tix $7 tonight, $10 Fri & Sat. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. Info: (510) 601-4880.

APR 10 / F R I

Exploratorium/Tactile Dome Tour for people with HIV: Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Touch & tinker hundreds of scientific gadgets & gimmicks, then crawl, climb, tumble, walk & slide thru the Tactile Dome. Free. Sign-up required. Call the Events Line 777-2273 for info.

Engendering Change: Issues of Gender in the Queer Community—a 3-day conference at UC Berkeley, the 5th general assembly of the Univ of Calif Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Assoc. Focus on topics attendant to gender—transgender issues, sexism in the queer community, conflicts between bisexual men & women and the lesbian & gay communities, sex roles, power dynamics, cultural & social influences on gender identification, and more. Opening address by Kate Bornstein, transsexual lesbian, actress, playwright & activist. $5-8 pre-reg, $10 at door. No one turned away for lack of funds, for fee waiver & other info call the Multicultural Bisexual, Lesbian & Gay Studies Program (510) 642-6942.

Donate Your Video Tapes: Your pre-recorded video tapes are needed for Garden Sullivan Hospital's Hospice Library for HIV patients. Info: Richard Olson 584-1034.

Mike & Spike's Festival of Animation: Today thru 5/2 at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3601 Lyon St, SF; and 4/15-18 at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley. Fest features over 18 films from Canada, Italy, Great Britain, Germany, Czechslovakia & the US, with a wide variety of styles and subjects. For showtimes, tix & other info call (415) 567-6642 for Palace of Fine Arts shows, and (510) 642-7511 for Wheeler Auditorium shows.

Mixed Heritage is the topic at tonight's support group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning young women of color, ages 23 & under. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE Program & LYRIC. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. For time & other info call LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Master of the bizarre, author KW Jeter (*Dr Adder*) reads from his new novel, *Wolf Flow*. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley (across from Ashby BART). Info: (510) 845-7757.

Paris Comes to Hayes Valley: Reception & Block Party, 7-10 pm. 6 blocks (300, 400, 500 block of Hayes, 600 block of Laguna, 200 & 300 blocks of Gough) of sidewalk cafe, strolling musicians, food, fun & art.

Capture, Search & Seizure Wkshop with TA Feldwebel (TAF): Spons by QSM, as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. TAF, editor of *DungeonMaster* magazine, does a scene with an ornery captive (in a captor/captive scene the captive seeks either to escape or to turn the tables on his captor). Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Marin BACW Country Dancing Lessons: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of dancing fun! For info/location call Sharon 453-9317. 7-9 pm, see you there!

HIV-Negative Men's Group spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, meets at 7:45 pm in the chapel. Program: Peter Damien leads discussion topic, "+/-: Dating Issues Between Positive & Negative Men." All interested men are welcome! 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

"Spiritual Development of Children," lecture at Temple Israel in Alameda, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9.

Music Open Mike at Mama Bears: Women only. Sign-up early, limited to 6 performers. 8 pm, $3. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

New Langton Arts features poet/translator Norma Cole reading from her forthcoming work, *Mars;* Laura Moriarty reading from her recently completed short novel, *Cunning,* concerning the history of history, sexuality & feminism. 8 pm, $3. Info/res: 626-5416. 1246 Folsom St, SF.

Herb Caen Must Die!! A "sleazy benefit" at Artists Television Access (ATA) for the cable access show "Bruno Macpush," skillfully disguised as an unauthorized tribute to Herb Caen. Lots of video comedy, featuring mime-hunting, more deviant lesbian portrayal, and more. 8 pm, $4. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

Guts & Gore Night: Vampyre Mike Kassel, Elizabeth Hurst & Mike Kyle perform their work upstairs at the Elbo Room, Valencia & 17th St, SF. $4.

Klubstitute Homophile Niteclub & Cabaret presents "Gwenfish Lucero: the Rise & Fall of a Rock Star." Miss Gwenfish Lucero premieres her 6-song, 1-woman show. Plus dj dancing with Miss Go Go Chanel. $4.98. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. Info: Remix 826-5358 or Diet 863-7932.

D'Cuckoo, four-women Oakland-based ensemble, perform their unique blend of neo-classical, post-industrial, cybertribal world funk, accentuated by live videos & computer graphics, vivid slide projections & interactive toys. 10 pm at DNA Lounge, 375 11th St, SF.

APR 11 / S A T

Rocky Ridge Trail Hike with SF Hiking Club: 20-mile roundtrip strenuous (very) hike with a total elevation gain of 2400 ft eastbound and 1900 ft returning westbound. Primarily on Eastbay Municipal Utility District watershed land. Bring plenty of water (2 liters suggested), hat, lunch & sunscreen. Roundtrip auto distance from SF—50 miles, $7 per car (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Rain cancels. Route will be changed if climatic conditions dictate. Meet 8:45 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF.

Bay Area SheHawks Women's Rugby Team holds their annual Women's Rugby Invitational Tournament: 9 am, today & tmw, in the Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. Features 16 teams from throughout the west, and also a team from London. Info: Val Klein 954-0900 or 824-9578.

Frequent Flyer Fund for Amsterdam AID Conference—see 4/9 listing for details.

Birdwalk & Breakfast spons by UC Calif Botanical Garden: Share a beautiful Spring Sat in Berkeley with the songbirds & bird enthusiasts. Meet at 7:15 am for juice & coffee, followed by Botanical Garden tour, then breakfast & discussion. $25. Reservations essential. Info/res: (510) 642-3343.

Lake Chabot Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-580 to 150th Ave exit. Turn left at 2nd light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on left. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot at beginning of trail. Parking fee, free offstreet parking at park entrance. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Modern Times Bookstore is moving! One block down Valencia St to 888 Valencia, SF. Lots of help needed—bring your pick-up trucks or hand trucks and give 'em a hand! Moving begins at 10 am, and goes until... For more info or to volunteer call 282-9246.

Composting Workshops offered by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners). Find out how to turn your carrot peels, coffee grounds, etc into excellent fertilizer for gardens & house plants. Free hands-on advanced composting workshop today, 10 am-noon; free worm composting workshop on 4/25, 10 am-noon. At Garden for the Environment, Lawton St & 7th Ave in SF's Sunset District. For info call the SLUG Compost Rotline 468-0262.

Interrogation Wkshop with TA Feldwebel (TAF): Part of QSM's ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Wkshop covers questioning techniques & how to use physical & psychological stress. Led by TAF, ex-military man (35 yrs), trained in prisoner of war simulations. Doors open at noon, 12:30-3 pm at a private SF space. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Marin BACW Wkshop, "A New Look at Career & Life Goals," with career consultant Ellen Schecter. 1-4 pm, $8. Robson-Harrington House, 237 Cresent, San Anselmo. Info/res: BJ 457-2482.

Hortiphiles Potluck & Tour of SF Landscape Garden Show. Meet at noon for lunch at 1839 15th St, SF. Car pool to Ft Mason Center at 2:30 pm (adv res required for show group's rate admission, call Dan 626-3047 or the Hortline 851-1022 for details). Guests & newcomers welcome. Hortiphiles is a group for lesbians & gays who enjoy plants & gardens.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Sara Levi Calderon reads from her bestselling novel, *The Two Mujeres*, the third openly lesbian Mexican work in existence. Calderon speaks about the response to the book's publication from her family & community in Mexico. 4 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Dinner & Movie Night with Bi-Friendly—meet at 5 pm for a no-reservations dinner at The Sausage Factory, 517 Castro St, SF (626-1250) or join your fellow bi's in front of the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro at Market (621-6120) at 6:50 pm for the 7 pm showing of *Casablanca*. Info: Pierre 753-0687.

"Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are!" Come meet the people who are working for lesbian & gay equal rights (AB 101 & AB 2601) in the Calif state legislature at tonight's meeting presented by Sonoma County Lesbian & Gay Demo Club. Meet with Laurie McBride, executive director of LIFE Lobby, a coalition of 90 gay/lesbian & AIDS organizations, and Rand Martin, senior consultant to Calif Assemblyman Terry Friedman. 7 pm at Santa Rosa Inn, 4302 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa (turn east on small sidestreet near end of Santa Rosa Ave, at Hwy 101).

The Ram Party: Social spons by BWMT (Black & White Men Together). $3. Doors open at 6:30 pm, program begins at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome!

Lesbian Bingo Night to raise funds to help send Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble to the 4th Int'l Gay/Lesbian Choral Festival this summer, in Denver. Come out & have a good time! Eve includes fun, food & prizes. 7-9 pm, $5 cover, $2.50 min per game, $25 prize per game. 145 Guerrero St nr 14th, SF. Info: 773-9181.

Carlos Fuentes, celebrated Mexican novelist, reads from his first history work, *The Buried Mirror*. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Annual Easter Dinner Party at Henry's Restaurant in the Marina. Spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF. Excellent food, great company! Easter Basket tix available. Info/res: 824-0260.

Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," at Josie's

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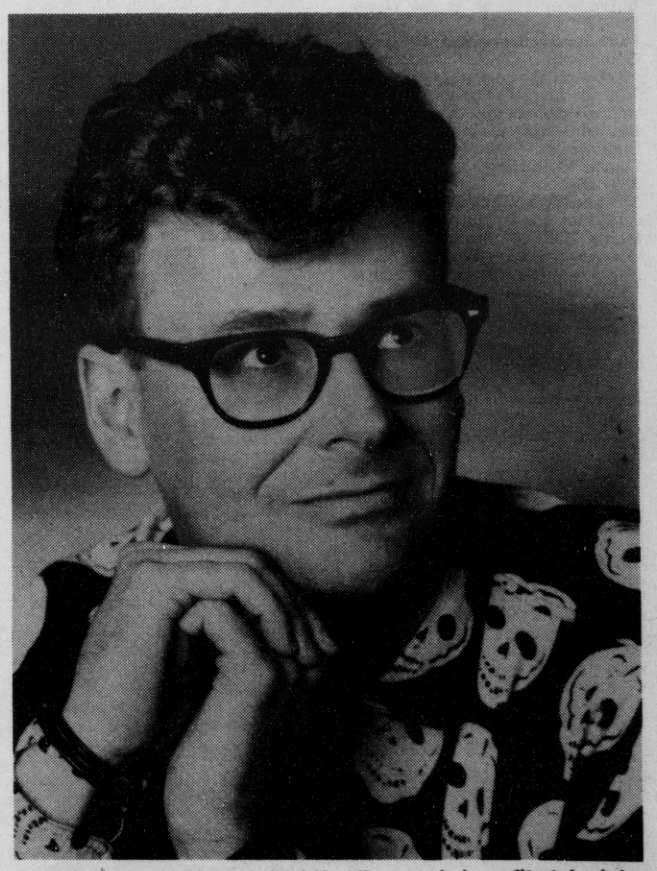
Charles Blackburn and Art Desuyo in Thick Description's "Bachelor Rat," by Han Ong. OnStage has details.

Photo by Irene Young

June Millington, with her sister Jean, in concert April 11. Calendar has details.



Project Inform's "Laugh for Life 3" comedy benefit at Josie's, features Grep Proops and other queer comics. Don't miss it! April 15 has info.

Cabaret, see 4/9.
June & Jean Millington perform in concert at the IMA Cultural Center Studio Retreat in Bodega. 8 pm. Info: (707) 876-3004.
R Carlos Nakai, Native American flutist, in concert at Stanford's Dinkelspiel Auditorium. 8 pm, $18 & $16, $3 stdnt discount. Info/res: 725-ARTS.
Performance artist Sha Sha Higby presents a new performance at Richmond Art Center at 8 pm. Tix $8 adv, $10 at door. Sha Sha gives a workshop tmw at the center, from 11 am-2 pm. Participants learn a classic paper mache pulp recipe which dates back over 100 years; build beautiful paper sculptures to wear while dancing, or serve as colorful ornaments. $35. Info: (510) 620-6772.
Over Our Heads: Night of improv comedy & music at Mama Bears with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon. Women only. 8 pm, $7-9. Info: (510) 428-9684.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore /Coffeehouse: Night of song & comedy with Monica Grant. 8:30 pm, $6-8 SL. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Twist(ed) Ties: ATA (Artist's Television Access) presents their final "Family Problems" program—a plethora of personal perspectives on the dysfunctional. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Rock Against Racism celebrates the white South African voter results with three party/performances entitled "Dance on the Grave of Apartheid." Program: 4/11 at Larry Blake's Blues Bar, 2367 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley; Alvin Youngblood Hart in a special program of 1920s-30s blues & traditional roots music. 4/17 at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley; dance party with Wazobia and *Tropical Vibrations*. 4/18 at Ashkenaz; dance afrobeat with the South African group, *Zulu Spear*, plus poets & int'l anti-apartheid art exhibit. Call the Rock Against Racism concert line 267-3171 for info.
Singer/songwriter Monica Pasqual opens at the Elbo Room, Valencia nr 17th St, SF. 9 pm, $5.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Marilyn Pittman, Suzy Berger & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Meices, Color Me Plaid* and *Hock A Loogie*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

APR 12 / SUN

Picnic/Hike at the Marin Headlands, with Bay Area lesbian/gay returned Peace Corps volunteers: Gather 9:45 am at the SF Dept of Motor Vehicles, Fell & Broderick Sts, SF or call Wayne 626-1940 for details.
Palm Sunday Services at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. 10:10-10:50 am book study of Exodus, 1:30 pm Women's Potluck Brunch, all women welcome; 7 pm eve service with Rev Jim Mitulski preaching on "Palm Sunday: An Early Freedom Day Parade." 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Sha Sha Higby Wkshop at Richmond Art Center, see 4/11 listing for details.
Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero, SF. Bring a dish to share.
Backbone Basics: A Beginning Bass Wkshop with Jean Millington. 1-3 pm. IMA Center/Retreat in Bodega. Info: (707) 876-3004.
Art Show Reception at Mama Bears for photo exhibit of Mexican cultures by Silvia Ledezma. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
1992 Asian Pacific Performing Arts Festival, "Generation of Rhythm," features dance works by several groups. Program: 4/12 at 3 pm—performances by Gamelan Sekar Jaya, Kulintang Arts, San Jose Taiko Group & Unbound Spirit at Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St, Oakl. 4/18 at 8 pm: All the above groups, except Gamelan Sekar Jaya, perform at Luis Valdez Performing Arts Center in San Jose. 5/1 & 2: All groups except Kulintang Arts perform at Ft Mason Center's Cowell Theatre in SF. Info/res: 552-8980.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt spons by Golden Gate Connection, a social club for heavyset gay men & their admirers. 4-8 pm at Wawona Lodge, 20th Ave & Wawona, SF. $8. Arlen (510) 233-6503 or Bobbi (415) 871-7870.
Palm Sunday Celebration with Dignity/SF, a faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. 5 pm. Service uses inclusive language. Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores at 15th, SF. Info: 255-9244.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Mother & son travel writing team, Mary Ellen Jordan Haight & James Jordan Haight, take you on a walking tour thru Gertrude Stein's Paris & Picasso's Spain. 5 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
"Our Place at the Table," 2nd annual fundraising dinner of the Nat'l Lesbian Gay Task Force's (NGLTF) SF Strength in Numbers Committee. 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner. Guest speakers to be announced. $100 per person (seating limited), proceeds benefit the NGLTF Policy Institute in their ongoing work in support of securing lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender civil rights. For reservations call Drew Siegel 552-8382.
Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets 6:30 pm in SF. Topic: Natural & Preventive Health Care. Come share your experiences, knowledge & insight. Followed by social hour. Info/location: 647-0413.
Whiptail Lizard Womyn's Collective presents "The Eyes of Lamia," a showing of films & videos by local womyn artsits at ATA (Artists Television Access), 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. 7:30 pm, $4-10 SL fee.
Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You,"—final performance at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9 listing for details.

APR 13 / MON

Susan Dunlap, signs copies of her new Jill Smith mystery, *Death & Taxes*. 12:30-1:30 pm at Alexander Book Co. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm for potluck supper & discussion at 77 Waller St, SF. For book title call Pat 626-7000.
Grave's Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Group meets at West Berkeley Public Library. 6:45 pm. Speaker on dry eye problems. Info: (510) 540-8640.
"HIV: Benefits, the System & You," a talk by John Yarling, executive director of AIDS Benefit Counselors. A community forum spons by Most Holy Redeemer Support Group & Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights. 7 pm, everyone welcome. MHR Bingo Hall, 100 Diamond St, SF. Info: 863-1581.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Bi-Friendly SF meets 7 pm today & 4/20, 27 at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF, for food, drink & conversation. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.
Different Spokes/SF presents Jim Langley, senior editor at *Bicycling* magazine, in a discussion of all aspects of the sport. 7:30 pm, refreshments served. Public welcome! Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Bicycle parking inside church. Info: (510) 339-2345.
Alternative Conceptions, video, directed by Vicky Funari & Christina Sunley, explores how lesbians are having and raising children. Film examines the issues surrounding alternative insemination. 10 pm, KQED channel 9. Part of KQED's "Viewpoints" series.
Live Music at The Clubhouse with *Boomerang Bitch Slap*. 10 pm. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

APR 14 / TUE

Filoli Gardens Tour for People with AIDS, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Visit the magnificent Filoli Gardens & tour the 43-room Georgian-style mansion. $8. Scholarships available. Sign-up required. Info: Events Line 777-2273.
Lavender Lounge, queer American Bandstand, re-broadcasts "Uniforms, Part I," featuring local chanteuse Connie Champagne at 1:30 pm on SF cable channel 25. Info: 337-4921.
"Pan-Eu-Rhythmia: Movement, Yoga & Dance of the Devas," presented by Ardella Nathanael at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations.
Sea Snakes, Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club, host "Diving with Sharks," a presentation on shark diving off Monterey coast, by shark diver extraordinaire Jon Capella. Jon brings his shark cage & underwater slides of his adventures. 7:30 pm, $5 (may be applied toward club membership). #1 St Francis Place, 3rd & Folsom, SF. Info: 431-1340.
Create & Lead Your Own Seder: A Passover program at the SF Jewish Community Center. Leah Sudran leads a hands-on wkshp utilizing traditional & innovative rituals, readings & music from a variety of perspectives. Participants will be able to create their own Haggadah. 7:30 pm, $6. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Community Reconciliation Service spons by Dignity/SF, a faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics. Part of Dignity's Easter week worship services. 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores at 15th, SF. Info: 255-9244.
Birthday Toast to Stephen Sondheim at Josie's Cabaret: Some of the Bay Area's top musical theater & cabaret talent salute one of America's favorite composers for the Broadway stage. One-night-only concert presented by Musical Theater Lovers United. 8 pm, $15. Info: 552-2222. To order tix call 929-0633.
Veronica Klaus in concert at Cafe Du Nord, SF: Night of bluesy-jazz and vintage favorites. 10 pm.

"Alternative Conceptions," a lesbian parenting documentary airs on KQED, Monday, April 13.

APR 15 / WED

BACW Sonoma April Deluxe Dines Out Do: Today's the deadline for reservations, see 4/18 listing for details.
Lunch Bunch for Women & Men, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), for the frail & homebound. 10:30 am. Info: Ruth 626-7000.
Make It Snappy! Revitalizing Your Resume: A wkshop with Susan Eveleth, MA Ed. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Learn how to give new life & energy to your resume, & make your work history shine thru. Bring a draft of your outmoded resume to work on (this wkshop does not cover assessment & job objectives). Noon-1 pm, $5. No one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.
Challenge Federal Spending Priorities: Protest of the continued outlay of large amounts of federal tax dollars to the military. Noon march from 14th & Broadway, Oakl, to the Oakland IRS. Bring a bag of groceries or bedding (to be distributed to groups working with the needy). Info: No Calif War Tax Resistance (510) 843-9877.
Mike & Spikes' Festival of Animation at UC Berkeley, see 4/10 listing for details.
Men's Discovery Group meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Today's topic: "Can You Get It Up After 60?" Led by George Birimisa. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders).
FLAG (Federal Lesbians & Gays) meets 5:30 pm at Charpe's, 131 Gough St, SF. Guest speaker: Lorri Jean, deputy regional administrator, Federal Emergency Management Administration, discusses "Employment Protection for Federally Employed Lesbians & Gays." No-host bar, free munchies. Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 528-4427.
Representing Gay Men & Lesbians in Wrongful Termination & Employement Discrimination Cases: A panel presentation spons by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF). Panelists: Phil Horowitz, Cheryl Sena & Larry Brinkin. Moderated by Patti Roberts. Program approved for Continuing Education credit. 6-8 pm program, doors open at 5:45 pm. Monadnock Bldg, 685 Market St, SF. 1st floor auditorium. $40.
Bi-Friendly UC support group/social for members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & friends. 6:30 pm tonight & 4/22 & 29. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Queer Options Seminar continues with "Defending the Streets," a discussion of the significance and effectiveness of the street patrols formed in several cities to confront gay bashing. 7-9 pm, free. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 255-1042.
Author Bill Broder discusses his book, *The Sacred Hoop: A Cycle of Earth Tales*, recently released in paperback. 7 pm at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Holly Near performs a work in progress, "Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm, accompanied by pianist John Bucchino. Tonight & 4/20 at 7:30 pm, $12. Near performs her new musical docudrama which will open this summer in LA. James Moore Theater, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St at 10th, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 835-1445. Redwood Cultural Work production.
Taize Candlelight Prayer Service at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. 7:30 pm in the chapel. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Laugh for Life III at Josie's Cabaret: Comics Greg Proops, Margaret Cho, Karen Ripley, Mark Davis & Danny Williams keep you laughing at tonight's benefit for Project Inform, the groundbreaking AIDS treatment advocacy group. 8 pm, $12-15. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. Don't miss!
Omewenne: An eve of bedlam & mayhem, with a musical performance of fantasy & transformation. 10 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Submit Theatre, 455 10th St at Harrison, SF.

APR 16 / THU

Grand Peninsula Gardens Spring Tour, spons by UC Calif Botanical Garden. Tour several gardens, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the Gamble Carriage House. Day includes short program by Daniel Campbell, managing horticulturist of the UC Botanical Garden. 8 am-4 pm, $65. Space limited, reg required, call (510) 642-3343.
"Looks to Die For: The Politics of Breasts," Dr Nancy Snyderman discusses some of the startling revelations surrounding breast cancer & breast implantations, including why our culture is more focused on breast size than breast health. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Info: 476-0400.
"Understanding Breast Cancer Risk," is the topic at tonight's Planetree Health Resource Ctr's Health Lecture Series discussion. Medical geneticist Patricia Kelly, PhD, discusses how lifestyle choices, reproductive history, stress & family history affect breast cancer risk. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Light refreshments served, attendance limited, call Rosalind 923-3680 for info.
Maundy Thursday Service at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. Seder (Passover) dinner in the social hall. Call 863-4434 for further information if you wish to join. 150 Eureka St, SF.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Genital anatomy & physiology. Dotty Calabrese discusses Tee Corinne's *Slides of Womyn's Genitals*. Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women welcome!
Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) Forum: 7:30-9:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Call 564-BABN to confirm.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis present a night of outrageous humor & hilarious stories at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $10. Thurs-Sun tonight thru 4/19, with an added 10 pm show on 4/17. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Lavender Lounge, queer American Bandstand, taping tonight, 8-11 pm. Theme: Tribute to Sylvester. Features back-up singer Jeanie Tracy. Dancers wanted. No special costumes required, but bring a change of clothes. Call 337-4921 for location & other details.
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: Celebrate with Dignity/SF, a faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics. 8 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-9244.
New Age Jazz Night at El Rio with *After the End of the World* and Graham Connah. 9 pm-1 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm, women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

APR 17 / FRI

Good Friday Worship & Witness at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory. Phil Berrigan preaches. Gather 6:45 am at East & Vasco, Livermore. Nonviolence training recommended for those considering civil disobedience, call (510) 527-8370.
Donate Your Video Tapes to HIV patients at Garden Sullivan, see 4/10.
Good Friday Service at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. Noon & 7:30 pm, with hymns & choir. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Innovative Housing Discussion: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 1-3 pm. Explore alternative housing possibilities. 1853 Market St, SF.
Body Image is the topic at today's support group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning young women of color, ages 23 & under. 1748 Market ST, Ste 201, SF. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE Program and LYRIC. For time & other info, call LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.
BACW/Sonoma TGIF & Bookswap: Bring a book & a friend and join Bay Area Career Women for an evening of fun. 6-8 pm at Tweet's, 544 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. $7. No-host bar. Call Amy (707) 874-1621 or Louise (707) 833-2303 for info, please do not call Tweet's.
Rock The Bay: A benefit dance concert presented by Life on the Water for Save SF Bay Association and Earth Drama Lab. 7 pm-midnight, $12. Emcee Jello Biafra. Entertainment with *Zulu Spear, Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra*, Connie Champagne & her Orchestra, dj Fil Slash, special guests Adam Sherburn & Philip Steir of *Consolidated* and other suprise guests. Festival Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 776-8999.
Anna Halprin leads "The Planetary Dance," 11th annual production, a peace dance that celebrates renewal, expresses a commitment to the survival of the planet & each other. People of all ages & levels of physical condition are welcome! 4/17, 7-10 pm; 4/18, 10 am-5 pm; 4/19 at sunrise, to noon. Redwood High Gym, Larkspur and Mt Tamalpais (Sun AM dance). $100 for weekend event. SL fee available for stdnts & those in need. Pre-reg requested, call 461-9479.
BACW Marin Dines Out—Today's the deadline for reservations! See 4/23 listing for details.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/16 listing for details.
ATA Screening: Artists Television Access features a monthly review produced by Phil Patiris. Night of something new from the best of the video underground. 8 pm, $3. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.
Vicki Randle in Concert at Mama Bears. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $10. Women only, adv tix required. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Good Friday Service with Dignity/SF, a faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics. 8 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores at 15th, SF. Info: 255-9244.
Dance on the Grave of Apartheid with Rock Against Racism, see 4/11 listing for details.
Poet/authors Donna Lane & Kent

Parents & Kids Box

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Discussion, 4/24, 7 pm—Growing Up with Lesbian & Gay Parents panel discussion at First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, corner of 5th & E, in the Geneva Room. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Spons by Spectrum (formerly Ministry of Light), call 457-1115 for info.
Easter Bonnet/Passover Cap-Making Workshop for all ages at Small Change Children's Store, 1234 9th Ave, SF. 4/11, 1-2:30 pm. Small materials fee. Call 566-1234 for details.
"The Spiritual Development of Children," talk by Rabbi Eric Weiss of the Bureau of Jewish Education. 4/10 at 8 pm at Temple Israel's Friday night service. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy (510) 653-8494.
"Children's Ways of Thinking & Knowing," is the theme of the Spring Child Development Conference at Foothill College. 16 morning & 11 afternoon wkshops offered. Keynote address, "The Development of Self-Direction in the Preschool Years," given by Raphael Diaz, assoc professor of education at Stanford University. 4/25, 9 am-4 pm. Reg fee $20-45. Info: Terry Shua (408) 298-5437 or Lori Adams (415) 424-8432.
Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
Plum City Players group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am, 4/11. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.
For Kids at La Pena: Saturday morning programs. 4/18, Amiguitos de La Pena present Bob Hobbs, he sets up the room for creative sound, and the audience creates it! 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Cody's for Kids (and their parents): 4/25 at 11 am: Children's author/illustrator Thatcher Hurd reads his two newest books, *Little Mouse's Birthday Cake* and *Tomato Soup*, and does improvisational drawing to accompany the reading. Beginning 4/4, Cody's will offer **Storytime at Cody's** series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Poetry Potpourri, a professional performance based on poems by kids. L'eau Theque production. Entertainment for the whole family, 4/11, 18 & 25 at 3 pm, $3. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation, lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

Taylor perform their work upstairs at the Elbow Room, Valencia nr 17th St, SF. $4.

APR 18 / S A T

CUAV (Community United Against Violence) offers 3 wkend trainings for crisis line volunteers (4/18, 4/25 & 4/26). Help provide services to victims of anti-gay/lesbian violence & gay victims of domestic violence. Learn crisis counseling skills. People of color, women & bilingual persons are especially welcome. Info: 864-3112.
Registration Deadline: Final day to register for Shanti Project's Volunteer Training for those interested in serving people who are deaf or hearing impaired & HIV positive. Info: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink 777-2273.
First Aid/CPR Certificates: Get both Red Cross cards after you complete a one-day, 8-hr class (given today & 5/16), at the SF Sierra Club. For info/reg call Lynn McIntire, RN (510) 530-7602, ASAP. $25.
Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 80 to 580 toward the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South, go left (approx 1/2 mile). Turn left on South Garrard thru the tunnel. Park along the curb above the park. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
What Mama Didn't Tell You: Safe Sex Practices for the African American Mother Alone—wkshop with Genie Bowie, cultural anthropologist & founder of African American Mothers Alone. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.
Mt Tam Spring Walk with SF Hiking Club: Easy 5-mile hike. Roundtrip auto distance—40 miles, cost per car $7 (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch & water. Rain cancels. Leader Joseph Itiel (647-0574). Meet 10 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF.
Easter Basket for AIDS Sale: First annual event to raise money for AIDS organizations (Project Inform, Coming Home Hospice and Family Link). 350 top restaurants, bakers, caterers, florists & confectioners prepare lavish Spring baskets to be sold at today's sale. 100 percent of proceeds go directly to the beneficiaries. 10:30 am-3:30 pm at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Info: 285-6821.
How to Survive Breaking Up: Join other lesbians in a workshop of self-discovery, re-emerging strength, and understanding. 11 am-3 pm, $45 SL fee. Led by Mary Butler, MFCC. Eastbay location. Info/reg: (510) 601-6445.
Community Passover Seder conducted by Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann of Temple Israel for the second night of Passover. Bring your own wine, juice & empty Seder Plate. Make reservations early, call Kathy (510) 653-8494 for info.
Queen Latifah in Concert, with MC Dominique Di Prima. 8 pm, $22, $19 & $15. Redwood Cultural Work production. Night of explosive, provocative rap, and a touch of R&B, jazz, reggae & soul, with a message of love, empowerment and the strength of women. Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 10th St at Fallon, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 835-1445.
1992 Asian Pacific Performing Arts Festival perform in San Jose, see 4/12 listing for info.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/16.
"The Resurrection of Innocence," a talk with Fourth Way teacher Robert Daniel Ennis. 8 pm at 898 Daniel Street, Sebastopol. $6 donation. Info: Tayu Center of the Fourth Way, (707) 829-9579.
Vicki Randle in Concert at Mama Bears, see 4/17.
BACW/Sonoma April Deluxe Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of fine French cuisine & fine women at DeSchmire Restaurant in Petaluma. 8:30 pm. Reservations required, deadline 4/15. Info: Diane 492-9570.
Agonies & Ecstasies at ATA (Artists Television Access): Apropos of Easter, some Sadean considerations on transcendence thru pain: Minette Lehmann's slide/text, "Christ Mocked Again," mounts a materialist analysis of the martyr's famous death scene; writer/performer Bob Flanagan teases apart Hollywood products (including "King of Kings") for sadomasochistic subtexts; Sheree Rose presents her piercing video essay, "Needles & Pins." Plus work by Mike Kelley, stuff on penitente cults, and some religious films (of course). 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Dance on the Grave of Apartheid with Rock Against Racism, see 4/11 listing for details.
Easter Vigil & Resurrection Mass: Celebrate with Dignity/SF, a faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. 9:30 pm. Inclusive language service. Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-9244.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio, with *Hellen Keller Plaid, happygoingnowhere* and *Cordoroy*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams, Tom Ammiano & Amy Boyd. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

APR 19 / S U N

Easter Sunday Services at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. 9 & 11 am, and 7 pm. Rev Jim Mitulski preaches on "We are the Body of Christ, & we have AIDS," at a special healing service. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Yenta Surfer Dykes at the Red Sea: A Passover Reading by the Jewish Lesbian Writers Group, with Elana Dykewomon, Jano, Jasmine Marah, Judith Masur, Lisa Carlin, Sabena Stark & Susan Shulman. Women only. 3 pm, $5-12, no one turned away for lack of funds. In the multi-purpose room of the Harriet Tubman Terrace Apts, 2870 Adeline St, Berkeley. ASL interpreted. Wheelchair Accessible. Childcare reimbursement available. El accessible (women wearing scented products will be turned away). Call (510) 540-5564 for more info. Volunteers needed.
Cuban Charanga at El Rio with *Tumbao y Cuerdas. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.*
Easter Evening Prayer with Dignity/SF, a faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics. 5:30 pm. Inclusive language service. Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 255-9244.
Women's Seder led by Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann of Temple Israel of Alameda, for the third night of Passover. Info: Kathy (510) 653-8494.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/16.

APR 20 / MON

Japantown Bowling for people with AIDS, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Come enjoy an afternoon of bowling, free! Sign-up required. Call the Events Line 777-2273 for details.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 4/13.
Bi-Friendly East Bay meets for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! 7:30 pm. Info: Susan 524-0574.
"Current Affairs: the Extraterrestrials are here!" Jack Malin of the UFO Data Research & Intelligence Ctr presents info on the latest research, discusses the US govt's role in tracking UFO & ET sightings. Question & answer period follows presentation. 7:30 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Holly Near performs her new musical docudrama in progress, "Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm," see 4/15 listing for details. Final performance!
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Dan Morgan. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone at 7 pm. 8 pm, $4. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

APR 21 / T U E

Author Francis Mason signs copies of his book, *I Remember Balanchine: Recollections of the Ballet Master by Those Who Knew Him*. 5:30-7:30 pm at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Legal Concerns for People Living with HIV: A public education forum spons by Kaiser Permanente. A brief look at some important HIV-related issues including the implications of the recent Americans with Disabilities Act, confidentiality & privacy, discrimination, wills, trusts, and Durable Power of Attorney; with Matt Coles, ACLU staff lawyer. 6:30-8 pm, free, No reg required. Room 1200C, 12th floor, Hospital Tower, Kaiser Med Ctr, 280 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Info: (510) 596-6848.
Coping with Multiple Loss: First session of a closed 12-wk support gorup for those experiencing multiple losses to AIDS. Tues, 7-9 pm. Spons by the Bereavement Services program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info/location: 861-8705 ext 500.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by sensuous actor Andy Tabbat. 7 pm, $12. Call 621-6294 for reservations. 1229 Folsom St, SF.
"Driving Your Own Bus! or What Can I Do When I Run Out of Will Power?", a talk by Gary Craig at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.
Temple Prostitutes & Sacred Sex: The Myths & Realites. A discussion with contemporary practitioners—post porn modernist Annie Sprinkle shares the secrets of sex as a healing tool; mythologist Cosi Fabian discusses secrets from early Goddess-based religion; sacred healer Matthew Simmons reveals the power of massage therapy. 7-10 pm, $8 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. In the sanctuary at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St nr 18th, SF. Info: 567-7833.

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Lily Cai Chinese Dance performs for the Asian American Performing Arts Festival, April 18.

Erotic Reading Circle for Women at Good Vibrations: Women of all preferences & proclivities are invited to this informal monthly gathering—bring any erotic writing, published or unpublished, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's—to share with the group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed, punctuality appreciated. 7:30-9:30 pm, free. Women only. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.
Composers Inc Season Finale Concert: 8 pm at the Green Room, Veterans Memorial Bldg, Van Ness at McAllister, SF. Works by Elinor Armer in collaboration with Ursula LeGuin, Martin Rokeach, Milton Babbitt & Stephen Hartke. Performances by Dunsmuir Piano Quartet, guitarist Lawrence Ferrara & other local artists. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 512-0641.
Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty, & Gay" at Josie's Cabaret. Marga reprises her solo comedy, welcoming the audience into her bedroom for a non-stop sexual crack-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists & almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV talk show panel as an Adult Female Homosexual. 8 pm, $10. Tues-Sun, 4/21-26, at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 4/24. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

APR 22 / W E D

Early registration deadline is today for "Self-Empowerment for Gay Men," a workshop with Rik Isensee & Joel Wechsler. Call Rik 824-2819 or Joel 677-7927 for details.
SF Museum of Modern Art Tour for people with HIV, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Focus on the special exhibit of work by modernist painter Stuart Davis. Free. Sign-up required. Call the Events Line 777-2273 for details.
"Gender & Chinese Cinema," a talk by Mayfair Yang, assoc prof of Anthropology. Spons by the Beatrice Bain Research Group at UC Berkeley. 4 pm, Gifford Room, 221 Kroeber Hall, UC Berkeley. Info: (510) 643-7172.
Mid-Week Happy Hour with Bi-Friendly: 5 pm at Cafe St Marcos, 2367 Market St, SF (861-3846). We'll be plopped in the overstuffed chairs next to the fireplace, spilling out onto the terrace. Questions? Call John 775-5697.
Gay/Lesbian Adults with Aging Parents: A support group offered by Jewish Family Service. Everyone welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Topics include: Changes in relationships btwn parents & children, family expectations & acceptance, psychological impact of aging/illness, finding & coordinating community resources. 8 sessions, $120. Facilitated by Kathleen T Paulo, LCSW. Pre-reg required. Evening sessions, 6:30-8:30 pm, Fremont location. Call (510) 532-6314 for info/reg.
Bi-Friendly UC Support/Social Mtg, see 4/15.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Queer Options Seminar continues with "The Rise & Fall of Queer Nation," an examination of the signifance of the emergence of Queer Nation and the queer national movement. Did it signify real change in the balance of power, or was it just a flash in the pan? Talk about it—7-9 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 255-1042.
Marin BACW Lesbian Book Talk: Join Bay Area Career Women for a discussion of our favorites—bring your list of well-loved lesbian books! 7:30 pm. Info/location: Sandy 457-1365.
Women Shamans Slideshow by Max Dashu at Mama Bears. 7:30 pm, women only. $5-7. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
Books 'n' Crafts Party: Sexual "evolutionary" videographer, performer & writer Anne Sprinkle signs copies of Re/Search Publication's *Angry Women*. Annie also creates original artwork. 7:30-9:30 pm, free. Everyone welcome. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Poets Leslie Simon & Carol Tarlen read from their work. 7:30 pm, free. Refreshments served in celebration of Modern Times' new space. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Bondage Party for gay men, in a fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Spons by Bondage Buddies. Info: 292-3228.
Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty & Gay" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/21.

APR 23 / T H U

Donate Your Video Tapes: Garden Sullivan Hospital seeks pre-recorded video tapes for HIV patients & their hospice library. Info: Richard J Olsen 584-1034.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE)—see 4/9 listing for details.
"Menopause: A Healthy Process," is the topic of tonight's talk at Planetree Health Resources Ctr. Hetty Herman-Minsk, MFCC, Anna Ross Harvey, DC, and editor/publisher Judith Askew in a discussion of self-help ways to manage your experience of this natural transition. Health, emotional, spiritual & experiential perspectives on menopause. 7-9 pm, $6. Light refreshments served, attendance limited, call Rosalind 923-3680 for info. 2040 Webster St, SF.
BACW Marin Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a delicious dinner at the Mandarin House Hunan Restaurant in San Rafael. 7 pm, $18 includes tax, tip & reservation fee. Reservations & money due by 4/17. Call Sandy 479-4893 for info.
Bereavement Group for Partners of Persons with AIDS/ARC: Closed 12-wk support group for those who have lost partners or close friends to AIDS. Thurs 7-9 pm. Spons by the Bereavement Services program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info/location: 861-8705 ext 500.
Secrets of Sacred Sluthood: For women—Annie Sprinkle shares what she's learned from 20 years of intensive, hands-on sex research. She provides tips on how to use sex as a healing tool, as a meditation, and as a path to enlightenment. Learn simple but powerful "sexercises" to shake up, move & utilize your sexual energy. Wkshop draws on Tantric, Taoist & avant-garde sex practices to reveal the secrets of the Sacred Slut. 7:30-10:30 pm, $20. Women only. Info: 550-7399. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Cecile Pineda reads from *The Love Queen of the Amazon*, the sexy, outrageous sotry of Ana Magdalena as she grows up in a convent school in the Andes. Rebelling against the piety of the nuns, she opens up her own bordello. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: The G Spot (The Store). Night of toys & leather, presented by Verna Westphal & Serena Lumiere. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty & Gay" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/21 for details.
Controversial Video Night at SF Cinematheque: Michelle Handelman's *A History of Pain*, film centers around a stolen Inquisition-era torture device, explores s/m, censorship, art & freedom. Also selection of shorts by Azian Nurudin looking at the eroticization of violence in punk/industrial culture & the pervasive social violence against women. 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts, srs & disabled. SF Art Institute Auditorium, 800 Chestnut, SF. Info: 558-8129.
Live Music at The Clubhouse with *Soulspots*, Motown funk band. No cover! 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm, women-only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

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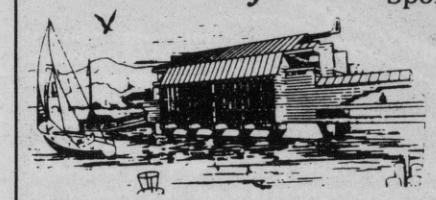

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ON STAGE

Four Play by Michele Fisher. Gay & lesbian fun *not* for the whole family. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun, thru 4/26. Tix $10. 2926 16th St, SF.

The Cocktail Hour by AR Gurney. A hilarious dissection of American WASP values. ACT production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm; Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm; thru 5/16. Tix $10-22 previews, $10-26 weeknights, $11-33 weekends. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF. Info/res: 749-2ACT.

Bachelor Rat by Han Ong. A lyrical & sometimes surreal exploration of a gay man's yearnings & desires. Thick Description production. Previews 4/9 & 10 at 8 pm, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, 4/11-5/3. Tix $8-12 SL fee. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Info/res: 621-0507.

Symposium in Manila by Han Ong. Monologue chronicles a Filipino American artist, struggling for support for his work, who is convinced by his grandfather to seek inspiration from his homeland. Part of Late Night Marsh new performance series. Runs 4/11, 18 & 25 at 10:30 pm. Tix $6. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Scapin by Moliere. Life affirming modern adaptation of the Moliere farce. In this version Scapin has a sex change. Part of the Late Night Marsh new performance series. Runs 4/10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 pm. Tix $6. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Heroes & Saints by Cherrie Moraga. A surreal drama about one Chicano family working in a fictional "cancer cluster" community. Central character is Cerezita Valle, born as a human head without a body as a result of pesticide use, who becomes a passionate activist & visionary. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm thru 5/3. Tix: $12 previews, $13-15 regular shows. Mission Cultural Center Theater, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 695-6970.

Don't Even Think of Parking Here one-man show with Ian Shoales and special guest Deborah Gwinn. Subject matter taken at random from the audience. Laughter permitted. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/10. Tix $6-9 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Calendar Girl by Ric Krause. An adult comedy that lampoons the male myth of the perfect date as it tackles the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace. A Vaudeville Nouveau production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 4/19. Tix: $12 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $14 Fri & Sat, $2 discount for srs & stdnts. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF.

Rasputin Theater Co Double Bill: **Grave Undertakings** by BK Wells. Zoe, a recent reform school graduate, is interning as a funeral embalmer when her ex-boyfriend shows up to blackmail her into a life of prostitution, but instead she establishes a thriving necrophilia business at the mortuary. **Rewriting History Through A Fly's Eye** by Laura Labiak. Wacko one-act. Louie, a neurotic & anal retentive, retires to an isolated cabin to write his great play. Without warning, he is descended upon by a group of belligerents claiming to be characters in his play & demanding an immediate rewrite. Runs 4/10-11, 24-25 & 5/1-2 at 8:15 pm. Tix $7. The Next Stage, 1668 Bush at Gough, SF. Info/res: (510) 658-2594.

Deep in a Dream of You, David Cale in a one-man show at Life in the Water. A collection of 12 thematically linked monologues told from different men & women's points of view. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/12. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

Apple Pie with George & Jane (or Political Wife Flambe), an interactive mock "meet the candidate reception" based on characters from Bill Talen's "Political Wife." A series of mock receptions marks the triumphal return of George & Jane Cudahay from their whistle stop presidential primary tour of New Hampshire. Runs thru 4/18 at 8 pm. Civic Center Holiday Inn Banquet Rooms, 50 8th St, SF. All performances include dessert with the candidate. Info/res: 776-8999.

Play Strindberg by Friedrich Durrenmatt, translated by James Kirkup. Modern adaptation of Strindberg's play, "The Dance of Death." Complex & intriguing story focuses on Edgar, an arrogant officer; Alice, his no-talent actress wife, and Kurt, an old friend who enters the relationship on the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. SF Playhouse Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/18. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway nr Kearny, SF. Tix $12 Wed & Thurs (2 for 1 days), $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 398-1541.

Double Play, twin bill of new one-act plays by Douglas Dean. **One More Goodbye** is a bittersweet comedy about a May-December gay relationship, **The Cat Dancers** is a suspense drama about an older man terrorized by an intruder in his apartment. Theatre 2000 production. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 4/26. Tix $10. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 928-5598.

Fool for Love by Sam Shephard. Passionate & tragic love story. Incognita Repertory production. Runs 4/23-5/17 at Asian American Theatre Center. Thurs-Sat at 7 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 405 Arguello Blvd, nr Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Private Wars by James McLure and **The American Dream** by Edward Albee. Jean Shelton Actor's Lab production. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/26, Sun matinee at 2 pm on 4/12. Tix $6. Info/res: 285-2248.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. Berkeley Rep's production of the classic satire uses Wilde's seldom-seen original four-act version. Previews 4/24-28, opens 4/29, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm thru 6/11. Sun at 2 & 7 pm on 5/2, 16 & 30, Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 5/7 & 21, 6/4 & 11. Tix $18 previews, $29 opening night, $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun, $29 Fri & Sat, $21 matinees. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Good by CP Taylor. Academy Award-winning actor William Hurt portrays John Halder, a liberal professor of literature who undergoes a gradual, insidious descent from "good" man to SS officer; a man trapped in the nightmare of the Third Reich all the while trusting in his own essential virtue. ACT production. Previews 4/7-11, opens 4/11 at 8 pm, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm thru 6/6. Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm. The Halder role performed by Lawrence Hecht 5/28-31. Tix $10-22 previews, $10-26 wknights, $11-33 wkends. Info/res: 749-2ACT or 762-BASS.

"The Lady Upstairs," by Sara Felder, at Intersection for the Arts.

Nostagia, a Vietnamese folk tale by Huynh Quang Nhuong. Blends together the story of a lost little girl and an ancient Vietnamese myth. Northside Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 4/16-5/3. Tix $6 gen'l., $4 kids under 16 & srs. 848 E. William St, btwn S. 18th & 9th, San Jose. Info/res: (408) 288-7820.

Uncle Tadao by RA Shiomi. A tragicomic look at a Japanese-Canadian family struggling with the issues of pain, guilt and reparation for past injustice. When his daughter raises the issue over Thanksgiving dinner, George Uchida is forced to remember the death of his brother Tadao in 1941, when the Canadian government ordered the total evacuation of all Japanese from the West Coast. Asian American Theater Co production. Opens 4/14, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 5/17 (except Easter Sunday, 4/19) at Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.

Safe Sex by Harvey Fierstein. Presentation of two plays in Fierstein's moving trilogy examining what it is like to live in the world of AIDS. Runs 4/9-11 at 8 pm at UC Berkeley's Durham Studio Theatre (rear of Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley campus). Free.

Measure for Measure by Williiam Shakespeare. One of Shakespeare's most provocative & controversial plays, an interrogation of the relationship between power, sexuality and punishment. UC Berkeley theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 4/23-25 & 4/30-5/2, at 2 pm 4/26 & 5/3. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 srs, $4 stdnts with ID.

The Lady Upstairs by Sara Felder. A love story about atomic fission. Intersection for the Arts production. Previews 4/9 & 10, $5. Opens 4/11, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 5/2, $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Angel of Death by Charlie Schulman. Outrageous contemporary comedy about Hollywood, media manipulation & Nazi death camp doctor Joseph Mengele. Part of Magic Theatre's annual Springfest new play series. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 4/18, post-show forum on 4/10. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Tix $17-21 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 441-8822.

Reasons to Love. Reason to Live. Half. No Reason by Han Ong. Poetic, multicultural drama told in free verse. Follows ex-convict Rudy as he & his conflicting psyches drift through encounters. Part of Magic Theatre's annual Springfest new play series. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, 4/22-5/9, post-show forum on 5/1. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Tix $17-21 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 441-8822.

GALLERIES

Art Lick Gallery: "One Man Sleeps While the Other Man Drives," recent oil on canvas works by Scott Miller; on exhibit thru 4/12. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: Photographers Vision—A Festival of Photodocumentaries on Jewish Life, features four exhibitions thru 4/26. "Israel Today: Dreams & Reality," new photographs & interviews by Raisa Fastman. "My Love Affair with Miami Beach," color photography by Richard Nagler, with text by Isaac Bashevis Singer. "Faith & Survival: Ethopian Jewish Villages & Refugee Camps," color photos taken by Peggy Myers during ten years of medical relief work. "Ethiopian Jewry: Arrival in Israel," photos by Lianne Silberman. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Big City: Photographs of SF & the Bay," by Ansel Adams. Includes 10 images of SF dating from the 1930s thru the 1950s. "A Distanced Land: The Photographs of John Pfahl," retrospective exhibit, thru 5/3. "De Natura: Collaborative Works by Vikky Alexander & Ellen Brooks," thru 5/10. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, thru 5/16. Related special event—4/9: "Ethnic Images: How True Are They?" a discussion with Steven Bentley, Demetrius Diamond, Jonathan Smith & Greg Harris. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

John Pence Gallery: "Still Lifes & Florals," exhibit of work by selected American artists, past & present. Thru 5/9. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: "Scott Mutter: Photomontages," on exhibit 4/10-5/10. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

New Langton Arts: "Inductive Strategies," installations by Michael Brown, Sheila Ghidini, Chris Isner & Wendy Oberlander. Thru 4/11. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th &-9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: "A Trick of the Light," internally illuminated assemblage & sculpture by Richard Bartlebaugh, Bill Concannon, Brian Elder & Pam (Mapo) Robinson. Thru 3/28. 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Dana Gallery: Recent works by American Fauve/Expressionist artist Sarena Rosenfeld. thru 4/27. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon, Fri & Sat; 11 am-5 pm Sun; and by apt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

KBBK Studios: Oil paintings by Mariela Cortes, on exhibit thru 4/11. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

Vision Gallery: Works by 9 contemporary Mexican photographers including Graciela Iturbide, Laura Gonzalez, Salvador Lutteroth, Eniac Martinez, Francisco Mata Rosas, Elsa Medina, Pablo Ortiz Monasterio, Carlos Somonte, Jesus Sanchez Uribe & Daniel Weinstock. 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Tivaivai: Cook Island Coverlets," thru 4/26; "Doris Miller: Raku Vessels," on exhibit thru 4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: Paintings by Phillipine-born artist Manuel Ocampo in the Gallery 2, 4/15-6/21. Related programs: Artist's talk 4/15 at noon. Lecture by Rene Ciria-Cruz, "The Phillipines: A Country or a Latin-American Novel?" 4/26 at 2 pm. "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit 4/18-10/11 in the Theater Gallery. In Gallery 1, "Rubashov's House," a constructed reflection by Jill Lahn Stoner on the image of solitary confinement. 4/22-6/28. Related programs: Artist's talk on 4/29 at noon; reading by Lawrence Thomas from his acclaimed book, *Imagining Argentina*, set in the 1970s when thousands of Argentinians disappeared into the general's prisons & torture chambers, 5/10 at 2 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of paintings & prints by Marlon Mullen, and paintings by Christopher Brown; thru 5/1. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Richmond Art Center: "Looking Out/Looking In: Selections of Bay Area Drawing," group exhibit of work by several Bay Area artists. Thru 4/12. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: "Portraits of the Rooted & Uprooted," photos by Mark Berghash; "My Name Is Hunter's Point," photos by Susan Schwartzenberg. Thru 4/25. Related program: Lectures by the artists on 4/16 at 8 pm, $5. Filmworks by Wyn Geleynse, "ID," a video installation by Chris Robbins, on exhibit 4/30-6/6. Related program: Reception 4/30, 6-8 pm with gallery talk by Geleynse; ara Diamond, Cathy Greenblatt, Jackie Orr & Chris Robbins, in "Panic, Inc," an exchange, with a performance by Jackie Orr, 5/26 at 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell; on exhibit thru 6/19. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: "In Fine Linen: the Art of Laurie Gross," retrospective of approx 100 of Gross' fibre sculptures, plus a new installation. On exhibit thru 6/14. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: Paintings by Linda Darling, on exhibit 4/14-5/16. Opening reception 4/17, 6-9 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "HomeFront: Comprehending A Common Language," group exhibit of works in various media by Jose Antonio Burciaga, Bernadette Cotter, Roshini Kempadoo, Bobby Neel Adams, Andre Kreft, Ann Meredith, Maria Porges, Charles Schmalz, Lorna Simpson, Diane Tani, Carrie Mae Weems & Rene Yung. 4/21-6/13. Related programs: Opening reception 4/21, 5:30-7:30 pm; informal discussion with Jose Antonio Burciaga, Maria Porges & Diane Tani, 5/7 at 7:30 pm. 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

Photos by Scott Mutter on exhibit at Morphos Gallery.

"Myths & Icons," exhibit of paintings by Jeff Bedrick at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Thru 5/3. Info: 921-8383.

"Sex, Gender & Identity: Homosexuality in American Culture," exhibit focuses on the contributions of lesbians & gay men to American culture. Spons by the Univ of Calif, Berkeley Libraries & the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Calif. Thru April. Bernice Layne Brown Gallery of the Doe Library, UCB. Exhibit able to be viewed during regular library hours.

"Through the Looking Glass," an exhibit of acid art & artifacts. Over 100 pieces of original art on blotter paper. Exhibit also includes photos, rock posters, and handbills incorporating the acid theme, including a signed & numbered silkscreen by Ken Kesey. On exhibit thru 4/30 at the ArtRock Gallery, 1153 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Daily, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 255-7390.

Eye Gallery: "Selections '92," 6th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition, thru 4/22. Artist's reception 4/10, 6-8 pm. 4th Annual Photography Benefit Auction. Preview 4/25-5/1, auction 5/2 at 1 pm. 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: 431-6911. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat.

The Clay Studio: "Rainbow Dust," pastel & charcoal drawings by Pat Wipf. Thru 4/24. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Wed, Fri & Sat, and by appt. Info: 431-6296.

"Beyond the Volcanoes," the first comprehensive exhibit of contemporary Salvadoran artists in the US. Features 25 visual artists from El Salvador, presenting an overview of folkloric, primitive, expressionistic, conceptual & abstract paintings. Opening reception 4/11 at 5 pm, exhibit runs thru 5/30 at Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Hrs: 1-6 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-4 pm Sat. Info: 821-1155.

Lee & Lees Contemporary Art Gallery: "New Beginnings," exhibit of the works of two nonprofit art studios, Creativity Explored and Hospitality House Community Arts Program. 4/10-5/10, opening reception 4/10, 7-10 pm. 347 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: noon-8 pm Tues-Sat, and by appt. Info: 255-1097.

Duo Show at UBIK Gallery: "Dedications," and "Barrier," by Gamall A; "a small stream of (sub)conscious" by Francis Chie. Show runs thru 4/11. 1684 15th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-6 pm, Thurs-Sat.

"In Her Image: The Goddess in Art," exhibit of work by several artists in diverse media. Artist's reception on 4/18, 2-4 pm. Quicksilver Mine Co, 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville (next to the Vistor's Information Center, downtown Guerneville). Info: (707) 869-9357.

"A Reflection on Humanity," exhibit of sculpture by Cedric Wentworth, thru 5/4 at Wentworth/Mein Studio-Gallery. 8 Rodgers Alley (btwn 7th & 8th, off Folsom), SF. Opening reception 4/15, 5:30-9:30 pm. Info: 255-3074.

"Beyond Taboo," an exhibit of oil paintings by Frank Moore & drawings by LaBash. Thru 5/1 at the Int'l Coffee Inn, 526 21st St, Oakl. Related programs: Artist's reception on 4/21 at 7 pm, poetry reading at 8 pm with Frank Moore & surprise guests. Info: (510) 532-1052.

10th Anniversary East Bay Open Studios: Self-guided tours, art exhibit & sale: From Oakland to Richmond, the largest open studios in Northern Calif. Gallery exhibit 4/29-5/17 (Tues-Thurs, noon-6 pm, Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-5 pm); silent auction on 5/6, 6-9 pm; artist's reception 5/7, 6-9 pm; south studios 5/9 & 10, 11 am-6 pm, north studios 5/16 & 17, 11 am-6 pm. For info on locations, receptions, volunteering, etc, call Pro Arts (510) 763-4361.

"Ashcan Rantings," installation by conceptual artist Jovi Juan, on exhibit at Footwork Gallery thru 4/30. 3221 22nd St, SF. Info: 824-5044.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP for all people with immune disorders, meets in SF. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Commumty Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

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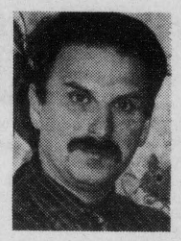

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The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Corning Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 864-5855 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Ser-

Mike & Spike's Festival of Animation screens in SF & Berkeley, April 10 & 15. Pictured: Give AIDS the Freeze, by Germany's Cathy Joritz. Check calendar for info.

vices program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.
Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in discussion group with registered dietician. Discuss principles of a balanced diet, food safety, side effect management, exercise, alternative therapies & more. Discussion in English or Spanish. Group meets Fri afternoons, SF location. Call (510) 547-7893 for time, location & other info.
The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.
Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Lesbians in Recovery meets the 2nd Sun of the month. For info/location call 863-8651.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.
Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.
Drop-In Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
BI-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
BI-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.
WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbian Contradiction seeks women's non-fiction writing, graphics & cartoons on the subject of sex & gender. Possible questions: Who is a real woman? How did you feel about being a girl when you were little? Ever doubted your sex? What's the connection between gender & sexual orientation? What does butch & femme mean? Are people ever confused about your gender? For more info or to send submissions, write: LesCon, 584 Castro St, Ste 263, SF 94114. Deadline: 4/15.
Mr Gay Pride/Ms Gay Pride Contest: The SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee welcomes applications for Mr & Ms Gay Pride 1992. The winners keep their titles for a year and represent the Parade at functions. For applications & other info call 648-1904. Deadline: 4/25.
Festival at the Lake: Annual cultural extravaganza in Oakland, seeks entries in its Annual Juried Photo Competition. Amateur & professonal photographers from the 9 Bay Area counties are elcome. $5 entry fee, no limit on number of entries. Youth submissions are free & limited to 3 entries. For categories & other details call 464-1061. $4000 in prizes offered. Deadline: 5/6.
Brat Attack: Do It Yourself S/M seeks submissions by s/m dykes of color (and others). Send news, cartoons, graphix, rants, handy tips, interviews, roundtable discussions & unusual poetry or fiction. Issue Deadline: 5/31. Contact: Brat Attack, POB 40754, SF CA 94141-0754.
Deaf Gay Community: Submissions sought for an anthology focusing on gay men & lesbians who are deaf. This will be the first book to focus on deaf lesbians & gays. Send submissions & inquiries with SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to Raymond Luczak, PO Box 1263, Cooper Station, NY NY 10276-1263. Deadline: 6/1.
From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Personal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.
Naked Nude Group Art Show: Submissions sought (women & people of color especially encouraged) of artwork & artists working with the nude for a group art show where the art, artists & viewers will all be nude. Nude live performers (musicians, body painters, readers, etc) also sought for this 6/21 event. Call 544-1136 for details.
Bay Area Artists sought to take part in the 40th annual Sausalito Art Festival over Labor Day Weekend. Call (707) 538-8980 for details. Deadline: 5/15.
SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multidisciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.
Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.
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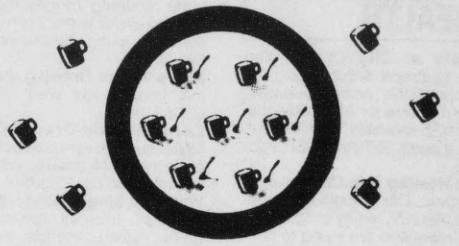
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openly queer elected officials, first gay books, etc). Suggestions for entries are sought. Don't be shy about tooting your own horn. Documentation should be included, to the extent that it is available. Send submissions to Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston, MA 02118.

Old Home Movies sought by the Judah Magnes Museum and its Western Jewish History Center, a film & sound archive which collects & preserves historic film footage & audiotape of Jewish communities in the western United States. Archive has particular interest in movies & sound recorded before 1965 in any format (8mm, 16mm, ¼" audiotape, etc) including film & sound of events at Jewish organizations, institutions & business, Jewish family life cycle rituals & synagogue activities. Contact Bill Chayes or Elizabeth Friedman at the Museum (510) 549-6952 Mon-Thurs or write (do not send materials) to them at Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley, 94705.

Women of Color & Jewish Women Over 60 sought for an oral history video project on women's experiences in the 1950s, conducted by lesbian students at UC Berkeley. If you are interested or available for an interview call (510) 549-4256.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game & Card Night: A Sat night lesbian & gay alternative. Every Sat from 6-10 pm starting 2/1. Pacific Center, Berkeley. Bring board games, cards, and friends. Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Photo by Tim Doherty

Veronica Klaus performs at Cafe Du Nord, April 14.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. Includes about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. Call 565-4695 for info.

Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Call 441-1980 for info.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 548-8283.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbisn who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse. Group for lesbians who have successfully completed a first-phase group. Focus on sexuality. Must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Mon 1:30-3 pm. Info/intake interview: Call Alesia Kunz, MFCC at Operation Concern Mon 1:30-3 pm, 626-7000. SL fee.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidisciplinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performance by group members. Amateur

musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Lesbian Chamber Music Group meets monthly for informal performance, reading & improvisation. Info: Lisa or Anne 621-0790.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus discussions on careers & sexuality. Biwkly mtgs, SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.
T-ART Transgendered artists/writers network. See Transgender Groups.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
30 Somethin' Group: Social/support group for professional African American lesbians, ages 30-39. Monthly events: mtgs, wkshops, potlucks, movies, etc. Clean & sober space. Meets 1st Tues of each month. Info: (510) 832-2638 or (510) 601-5904.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.
Transsexuals of Color: Open to FTMs & MTFs, pre- and post-ops. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.
QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential.

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NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Soft Men Unite! Social group for "proud, gentle, effeminate men" who enjoy each other's company. Meet for cafe conversations, movie-going, roller-skating, etc. All soft men, including men of color, bisexuals, gays, straights, and non-macho female-to-male transsexuals, are welcome. Write: SOMU, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn RK.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

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"Reasons to Live. Reason to Live. Half. No Reason." Han Ong's poetic drama premieres at Magic Theatre. OnStage has info.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Eastbay Feminist Minyan: Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call 845-9711 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle.* To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.
Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in

Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.
Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.
Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933 or call 488-0156.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.
Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.
Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535 or Alexon 431-4568.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets monthly on Sun in SF. Free. Discussion followed by social hour. Also special activities. Call 647-0413 for info/location.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups"**..

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange".

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
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Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs who are permanently kicked out of their families. Gain support, discuss issues including financial survival, transition during recession, developing families of choice. Contact: RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
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► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.
LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.
"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Support & help for lesbian, gay or bisexual youth under 22. Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too—this group's for you! Facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.
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QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

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BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

For Queers About to Rock— We Salute You

Jade Semi-Precious, aka French Bitch, a member of the House of Pancake (the drag performance group and 'zine-producing conglomerate of beauty), and a drag queen extraordinaire in her own right, hosted a small party after the recent I-Beam triple bill of Pansy Division, Angel Corpus Christie, and the incredible Elvis Herselvis and the Straight White Males. At this casual get-together it became apparent that Jade, dressed in butch home-lounge wear, is definitely a rock 'n' roll fag, like myself. He put on the Pixies and we both started twitching in that rock 'n' roll way, announcing that we'd absolutely die if we didn't see the Pixies' upcoming show at the Warfield on April 16.

This was not exactly what I expected to hear while at a drag queen's humble abode. When Jade popped a tape in the player, I expected Judy Garland, Streisand, the Village People or even a show tune from *South Pacific*, not the Pixies, Nirvana and other groups of a certain hardness. "We'll skip that Teen Spirit song," Jade announced.

Nirvana sparked up a question amongst the group, directed at me, the rock critic, which was, "So, Don, what's the next big thing?" I promptly responded, "L7." Jade squealed and slammed in that group's *Smell the Magic* CD. Jade rocks hard.

ALL-FEMALE ROCK 'N' ROLL: L7

Coincidentally, I had just purchased earlier that day their new import four-song CD called *Pretend We're Dead*, which is exactly what the MTV-type male-dominant metal fluff bands are probably trying to do when considering this all-female rock 'n' roll assault on their teased, sprayed, and painted-up-like-a-whore, infantile, dick-obsessed world. I should have known that in this guitar-stroking, multimillion-dollar circle-jerk of shame known as the world of corporate rock, that a newly signed-by-a-major band like L7 would be the only one ready to deliver a real load in the end. What these girls can do with guitars makes Guns N' Roses seem like the Everly Brothers in comparison. In sheer power terms they can wilt the collective memory of every eight-minute from-the-hip rock guitar solo of the '70s before they even get to their own solos. But the mayhem on male dominance doesn't stop with simply playing tougher and harder than most of the boys. L7 also nag and tease them about it lyrically. And their between-song banter in their live situation takes this dynamic to unbelievable heights. They're a perfect band for girls who are totally over rocker dudes who suck in bed, then steal their makeup and lingerie in the morning.

The best of the four new songs on the CD is definitely the short and sweet "Shit List." Some may prefer the more cerebral title cut, "Pretend We're Dead," which deals with the evils of societal complacency. But I prefer the former, a simple song reading, "When I get mad and I get pissed/I grab a pen and write out a list/Of all you assholes who won't be missed/You made my SHIT LIST." The chorus boasts some menacingly long, drawn-out warblings of the words "shit list." So swollen with rage, these vocals peel paint off the wall and rival the intensity of the guitars.

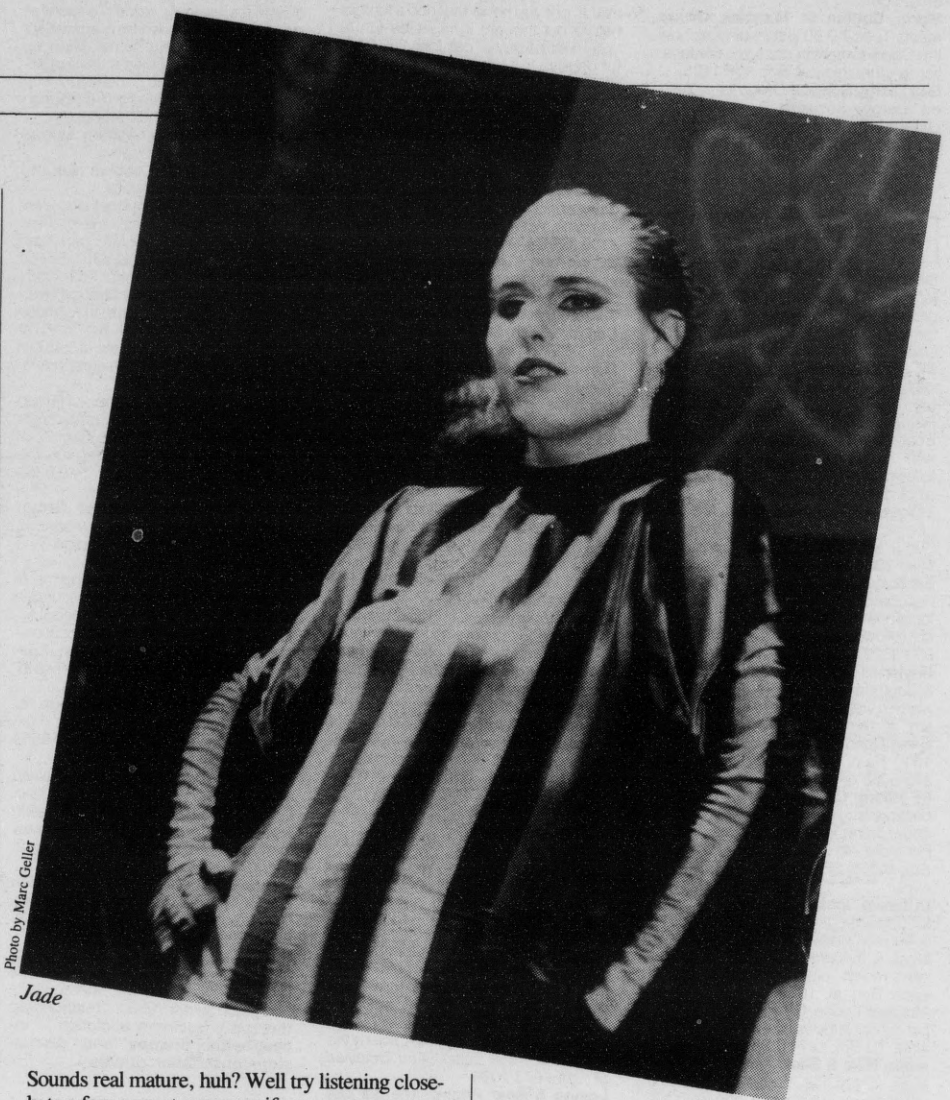

Photo by Marc Geller

Jade

Sounds real mature, huh? Well try listening closely to a few current rap songs if you want some true Romper Room rhymes. After all, even Public Enemy's Flavor Flav rhymes "James Cagney" with "Not a fag-me." So fuck all this lofty expounding on simplicity; this is a great song to hear when you're really pissed off, that's all. I know I'll probably blast it if I'm angry with the roommates.

While I was talking about how great L7 are and how the press has started calling them the female Nirvana, Jade was applying feminine "makeup" with a pen to an Axl Rose photo from the cover of *Rolling Stone*. This sparked Jade's guests to share their favorite Axl-Rose-is-just-a-wanky-mega-jerk stories. I pointed out that the super stupid way he dances is exactly the way Davey Jones in the Monkees danced a lot. Jade said Axl's pre-fame look was blond and super-femmy.

QUEER + ROCK = REVOLUTION

So there we were, a handful of queens and a lovely girl named Flo nattering on and on about rock 'n' roll. This late-night scene suddenly struck

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me as yet another mark or sign in a recent series of similar indications that there's definitely something quaking and changing within that distant and odd relationship between queers and rock 'n' roll. I know, I keep harping on this a lot, but I sense the time has come. Soon queers and many others will run from the House, so to speak, searching for the unadulterated, unlooped, unsampled powerchord and a voice that says something, instead of the techno-monotony that I fear is changing our DNA structure. The nonspecific, drug-induced, cyber-shaman lovefest ritual will eventually play itself out as spiritually hollow, financially taxing and leaving a not-so-pleasant taste behind in the mouths that have collectively gnashed and ground their teeth together as one twisted opulent love nation with silly hats on. God, that sounds like Studio 54. And no one will remember a single song, not even K-Tel.

Rock 'n' roll in general will enjoy a resurgence of popularity with the public at large, which is quite clearly happening right now. Recession and hard times seem to create a craving for hard sounds, and rock 'n' roll has always been a music of rebellion, a battle cry for change, and a forum for statements of dissatisfaction, alienation and nonconformity. In short, it sounds like the voice of the people unwilling to be placated into a mindless, unthinking bliss—people who believe that their art or music should have a political function. I'm not talking about that folk-rooted, voice-of-the-people Joan Baez, Kumbaya stuff or the vague and symbolic part-the-dead stadium melodrama of U2's bombastic, spiritually charged shtick. This isn't a game of follow the charismatic leader, and Bono definitely isn't playing. A political function in music can manifest itself in a number of ways, from the expression of guitar distortion to a vocalist screaming "Fuck George Bush," or, in the case of L7, by a woman stepping into male-dominant territory. Three chords can actually say as much as a hundred "We shall overcome's."

To be openly gay in the music industry, particularly rock 'n' roll, is a very politically weighty situation: all these impressionable record-buying 13-16-year-olds to corrupt and confuse with Satan's own music matched to imagery of deviant sexual urges, played out in cult-like same-sex sin—and that's how it will be described by fundamentalists if two boys steal a kiss in a line of a song. And there you go—controversy, and the fight begins. Queer rockers, your work is cut out for you. It's time to set our sights on another facet of the entertainment industry; not from the outside of a movie mall with picket signs harassing innocent people who would've chosen *Beauty and the Beast* if it hadn't been for you, but rather from the inside, as an artist telling the truth with rock 'n' roll, a form that eats controversy for breakfast and has thrived on it for decades. I'd rather see queers hot wire an industry's publicity machine for their own messages rather than become a nicely shaped cog that increases its efficiency.

Another point to consider is the simple fact that there is no readily known queer rocker stereotype to fulfill, so the slate is clean. But beware of the one known danger of being a queer rocker: It turned Little Richard, David Bowie and Mick Jagger straight! It's such a shame this happened, and such a shock when I think of how rock 'n' roll has brought me so close to so many boys (*and men, grown men that I adore, Mr. Weenie letter-writer who suggested I'm a pederast. If a sentence is too long, do you have to rest in the middle of it and start again? Thought so. —D.B.*), especially in the live situation, not to mention in cars, record stores and family rooms and basements. See you at the Pixies' show, fellas. I'm suddenly wondering if openly bisexual rocker Pete Townshend was talking about bonding at a rock concert when he wrote the words "See me, feel me, touch me, heal me."

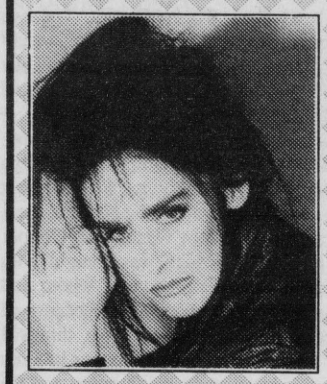
QUEER-FRIENDLY ROCKERS

Speaking of shows, a few I caught lately were very much indeed the reason I was prompted to write this column predicting a change in the face of rock 'n' roll, a change possibly sparked by queer and queer-friendly rockers. One of these shows was Bomb at the Paradise Lounge a couple of weeks ago. Bomb played a louder-than-fuck late-night set that eventually had the owner of the place and a number of the bar staff completely captivated, excited and chatting a lot, probably saying things like, "Wow, when did they get so good?" or "Let's book them lots more, even though they seem crazy." Jello Biafra was also there enjoying the show. Perhaps that tipped them off that Bomb might be important. For me, the most important part of the set came at the end when Michael Dean laid face-down on the stage at the end of possibly their last song, looking exhausted and pliable in his tight black shorts. Guitarist Doug Hilsinger (who came out on stage last year on his birthday) took that cue and worked it, climbing on top of him for some sensitive, mock anal intercourse. Mid-hump, Doug grabbed a microphone and cheek-to-cheek from that position, they started singing their classic homo-tune, "Be a Fag" (the chord pattern being B-E-A-F-A-G) in lovely harmony as guitarist Jay filled in the musical parts. Slowly the engaged couple regained their composure and instruments and proceeded with the song, including a very long sing-along with the crowd—at the Paradise, of all places! Michael pointed out, "It's not 'Beat a fag' it's BE a fag, you know, BE." The sing-along actually snowballed into a small roar, and Michael commented, "I've never seen so many straight people singing about the joys of being gay." It was absolutely beautiful. Rock 'n' roll needs more straight males like Michael, Tony and Jay of Bomb. I was perplexed and overjoyed with their achievement.

The next queer-rock-ish thing I saw was the inimitable Brigitte, the seven-foot transvestite guitar goddess who heads the band God's Girlfriend. On this night, however, he was accompanying Pussy Tourette, SF's newest drag superhero. Pussy is an astonishing performer who must be seen if you haven't yet. But what I was transfixed by was Brigitte's finesse at ripping out dirty blues riffs as thick and covered with Mississippi mud as you'd get from a seasoned Southern blues man. Quite a juxtaposition coming from a bleached-blond guy in a dress who looks slightly like a praying mantis crossed with Darryl Hannah, and I mean that in a good way. The main point is: He's a killer axe-man.

Finally, and it must be said again, Elvis Herselvis and the Straight White Males are total fucking godhead. That night at the I-Beam E.H. pulled a performance out of nowhere that lunged hungrily beyond all expectations based on past performances. It slapped the words "novelty act" right out of existence where she is concerned, and rocked, really rocked, the house like a motherfucker. I said it before and it still stands: Those SWM's are a great rockabilly band with some flame-throwing licks of hellfire at the ready. But The King Herselvis was truly phenomenal, tackling some older material like "Little Sister" and "Mystery Train" with frightening passion and authenticity. The place was hopping in that seminal rock 'n' roll way to those definitive rock 'n' roll songs, and I thought to myself, "This is queer and it's rock 'n' roll and I'll be damned if something big ain't brewing up right here right now between the two."

DIAMANDA GALÁS



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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

FEMALE TROUBLE
DNA Lounge, March 26

It was, as MC Elvis Herselvis termed it, an evening full of "hot and sweaty rock 'n' rollin' gals." Opening act Mrs. Jones was laying down some funky grooves when a drum pedal broke. They were saved by the intervention of Malibu Barbi in an admirable bit of camaraderie, which was reciprocated when MB lost their guitar amp shortly into their set. The twin crises necessitated some stalling. Hence, the snatches from "Sweet Home Alabama" and Elvis' bad jokes.

It was too bad that more monitors weren't working, since women had to crane their necks to see Phyllis Christoper's video show, which repeated throughout the evening. It was good, but could have used more images. How many times can you look at the same naked women? Perhaps that was just my complaint. The show went on eventually, continuing with MB's brand of heavy rock.

The Lucy Stoners took the stage after Elvis Herselvis plugged an upcoming show—several times. My first shock was seeing that Selena's hair has grown in since I saw the band last year. I noticed this peeping around the camera man filming the show, who blocked my view. The Lucy Stoners are featured on an upcoming compilation, along with Tribe 8 and Seven Year Bitch. Perhaps their version of "Gloria" will be on there. It was a crowd-pleaser.

Headliners the Mudwimin added to their legend with another truly bizarre performance, featuring potato sacks, body paint and a clown nose. They were reluctant to yield the stage, coaxing an additional song out of producer Nancy Kravitz, who was seen roaming the premises like a busy, black leather elf. Fun show.

ELLEN JAMES SOCIETY
The Survivors' Parade, Daemon Records

The Atlanta music scene has produced bands as disparate as the B-52s and the Indigo Girls, but there are other currents bubbling under the surface, one of which is the Ellen James Society. Like the Indigos, the band features two women singing cryptic lyrics and weaving some impressive harmonies. Like the B-52s, it's a mixed group of men and women who like to party. Indeed, the EJS motto is "girls, guitars and Guinness," and they do the rock thing, complete with posing and groupies, known as SocHeads.

This isn't *Wayne's World*, though. The two women, Cooper Seay and Chris McGuire, are out lesbians, and they make some mean noise. Take two dykes, two guys, some screechy guitars and vocals and you get the Ellen James Society.

The band has been touring pretty much nonstop for the last two years, opening for the Indigo Girls and doing their own shows. I saw them last year when I was in Atlanta for the National Lesbian Conference. The show was a blast. Cooper played to the crowd, which was fraught with legions of dyke followers, some of whom had come from out-of-state. I chatted with Cooper and Chris after the show, but the two things I remember most were: (1) that Cooper had me carry her guitar, because she was limping, and (2) I got locked into a room of the bar when I went to make a phone call. Drama in Real Life! Someone, call *Readers Digest*.

Their first release, *reluctantly we*, was produced by Indigo Girls' Amy Ray, a close personal friend, and was released on her nonprofit label, Daemon Records, in 1990. Now, hot off the presses, comes *The Survivors Parade*, which pretty much picks up where the first one left off.

We get the edgy bass lines, off-kilter vocals, and idiosyncratic guitar work that made *reluctantly we* such a bizarre delight (though one nay-sayer has described it as fingernails on a chalkboard). Their sound does take some getting used to. Sometimes they come across as more emotive than musical. Chris, in particular, has a propensity for ending her vocal lines by going off-key, and you wonder if it's intentional.

The songs are marked by plaintively repeated choruses and anthemic melodies, with some added flourishes, such as bowed guitar and horns. Standouts include "I, Intrepid," with Cooper on lead vocals and some fine harmony on the chorus, and "Walk Alone," a cautionary tale about leaving the present for the past.

"Proper Rocker" would be easily at home on Live 105—and why not? I'd love to see something like this duking it out with Depeche Mode and REM on the charts. It sounds like party music you might bop around to—until you listen to the lyrics.

Photo by Ruth Leitman

The Ellen James Society

"If you shit where you eat it stinks the next day..." Ooh, bummer.

Ellen James Society passed through these parts last summer, opening for Indigo Girls. The band will be touring soon, but there are no confirmed dates yet. *The Survivors Parade* is available on cassette, CD, and limited edition LP and is being distributed on Sky Records out of Atlanta. The number is 1-800-886-3142.

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At times, it seems that nothing new can come from the well-worn combo of voice and acoustic guitar, but disappear fear seems to have done it. This duo of sisters has managed to reclaim the power of acoustic music. Those who've seen them live know they cut a dashing figure of opposites onstage. Cindy favors tight-fitting, navel-revealing shirts, while Sonia sports big boots and a pink triangle sticker on her guitar. Guess which one's the dyke?

Live at the Bottom Line has them performing eight songs live as an acoustic duo, with five electric tracks tagged on. Four of these are from a preceding CD, *Box of Heaven*. A couple of songs are repeated, but all are good. This is music you need to really listen to in order to appreciate the subtleties. I've heard "Sink the Censorship," their most overtly political song, numerous times, but I never caught the line about "one lesbian, one Lithuanian" before—and I listen for just those kinds of references. Gorgeous stuff. They record on their own label, Disappear Records, which is run by their brother. The number is (707) 468-8151.

ENDNOTES

Women, Take Back the Night! Take Back Our Lives! is a women-only march and demonstration on April 11. The opening rally starts at Civic Center at 7 pm, with a march up Market Street to Dolores Park starting at 7:30. The demo is "a protest of the many forms of violence against women: stranger rape, acquaintance rape, domestic abuse, sexual harassment, incest, sexual abuse, assault, lack of child care and more. It is also a celebration of our strength, determination, passion and sexuality. We are taking back the night for ourselves." Among the features is music, a self-defense demonstration, and a closing ritual. (415) 773-9871.

k. d. lang appeared on the *Tonight Show* on April 3 and sang two of her new "post-nuclear cabaret" songs. She also explained briefly why she gave up country. You see, "It's like a lover. It was time to say good-bye and thank you, I've learned a lot." k. d. seems to have forsaken the Christian Slater look, in favor of something more Crispin Glover-ish, definitely a hair-don't. Loved the boots, though.

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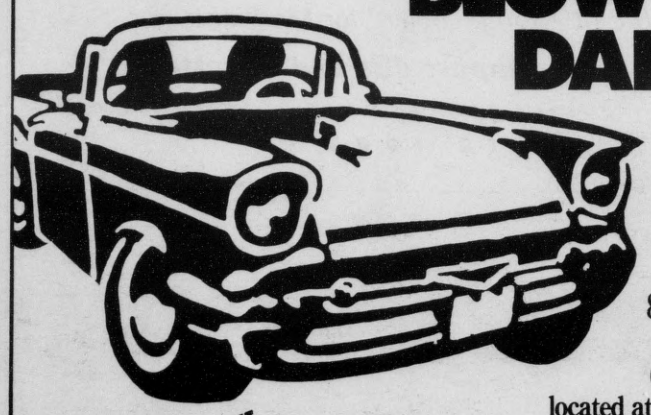

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BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Mediterranean Ambience In the Civic Center

I vowed I'd never write a recession-conscious review, that to do so would only propagate the belief in lack, thereby prolonging our nation's much publicized slump. That said, I am happy to report that I have been to **Portico** several times now, and I love this restaurant. Its sophistication in design and gastronomy impress me to an extent I'm unaccustomed to feeling, especially at such low prices.

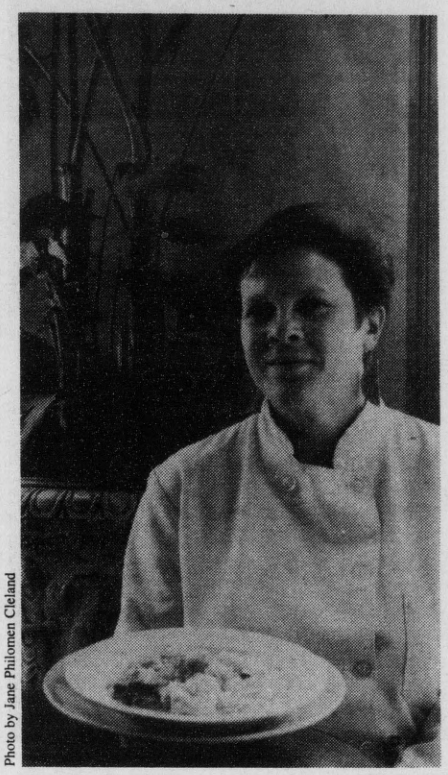
Owner Chip Conley bought the Abigail Hotel in June of 1990, and opened the lobby-level Portico in September of 1991. Conley, who also owns Miss Pearl's Jam House in his Phoenix Hotel, called on designer Shawn Hall, who is responsible for The Phoenix and Miss Pearl's. Hall conceptualized a Mediterranean covered terrace—a portico as it were—realizing this with strong columns, fresco-style artwork and whimsical leaf patterns playing off a black and white tiled floor. Hand-painted tables created by Jann Eyrich underline the rustic motif, with oversized vases of fresh flowers picking up colors throughout. Servers wear denim shirts, fun patterned ties and khakis.

Chef Cynthia Bloebaum, a ten-year alum of SFCC's hotel/restaurant program, formerly of Le St. Tropez, Kimball's and Raf, and disciple of Rick O'Connell, enjoins classical Italian cuisine with local ingredients; the seasonal menu is now in its spring phase, offering selections to tempt even the choosiest palates. Bloebaum believes in purity of design and taste; plates combine foods that look and taste well together, and remain simple.

For dinner one night, an ample **Caesar Salad** ($4) was perfectly executed, with plenty of flavor and crunchy croutons; it's nice to find a chef who only uses romaine *hearts*, and discards the meager outer leaves. **Cold Poached Mussels with saffron-orange aioli** ($4.25) tasted fresh, like the sea, and worked well with the generously saffron-scented orange mayonnaise. A mound of new potato salad with capers and mint rounded out the flavors and added texture. **Corn and Red Pepper Fritters with black olive relish** ($4.25) could have been more exciting, but were at least light and greaseless. Soups change daily, and I was thrilled with the **Black Bean with Chile Cream** ($2.50), a big bowl of whole beans in tangy broth crowned by a dollop of pungent, spicy cream. A **Mixed Bread Plate** ($1.50) includes a mini sour-baguette, rosemary roll, and whole wheat roll, from Bakers of Paris, and homemade cornbread—worth every penny. Breadsticks from Italy adorn every table to be munched at will.

I have come to expect one dud out of every four entrees ordered, but none have yet emanated from Portico's compact kitchen. A gorgeous **Loin of Pork with wild mushrooms and marsala sauce** ($9.50) disappeared quickly—this pork was juicy and tender (adjectives usually not used to describe pork), and TASTY. The sweet marsala sauce and the earthy oyster, portobello and button mushrooms were offset by the surprise of mashed yams flavored with fresh ginger. *Magnifique*.

Lightly smoked chicken mixed with soft cheese and wrapped in tender dough make the **Smoked Chicken Ravioli with an herb cream sauce** ($8.75) a popular item. Hats off to Chef Bloebaum for her crisp **Crab Cakes with jalapeno tartar sauce** ($10.50), which pairs lightly breaded and fried patties of fresh crab with simply wonderful scalloped potatoes rich in cream and herbs; I'd love to see a less gringo; more bravo version of the sauce, though. The fish du jour, **Bass in lime-ginger cream** ($10) also amazed me. Bass, when very fresh like this was, requires a straightforward preparation and got it here: a mouth-melting filet rested on a bed of white and wild rice, napped with a well-matched beurre blanc and flanked by sauteed shredded zucchini.



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Chef Cynthia Bloebaum shows off the Prawns and Asparagus Risotto

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Ratings scale: 4 triangles—beyond compare. 3 triangles—very good. 2 triangles—worth trying. 1 triangle—why bother?

Perhaps I'm the only one who's tired of **Tiramisu**'s comeback, but this rendition managed to sway me, where smooth mascarpone sits regally atop airy ladyfingers dusted with cocoa ($4). A big slice of **Apple Walnut Pie** ($3.50) would have benefited from some cream, but we managed to eat it anyway, since the crumbly crust and irresistable filling tinged with lemon zest looked so lonely on that plate. A **Vanilla Bean and a White Chocolate Gelato with raspberry sauce** ($2.25/scoop), from The Latest Scoop in Berkeley, were quite good; the white chocolate bursted with flavor—I never knew it could be like this. Creamy, dense and wonderfully sour **Cheesecake with blueberry sauce** ($4) became another favorite, a fine ending to an absolutely charming meal.

During the day, light streams in through the windows overlooking the alley and the enclosed garden in the rear of the downstairs dining area. Lunch at Portico turns out to be just as tantalizing as dinner, save for a couple of flaws. Service was spacy, but at least smiling. The soup of the day, **Broccoli Cheddar with pancetta** ($2.50) tasted strangely of fish and was curiously thin for a cheese soup. Just when my Portico-cheeriness had begun to wane, my **Tuna and White Bean Salad** ($6.75) arrived, resuscitating my faith—this cross between a salade Nicoise and a cassoulet featured mounds of brightly dressed greens and white beans with chilled chunks of cooked fresh tuna. *Tres bien*. A special of dried **Apricot Mousse** ($3.50) didn't thrill me, but was light and not overly sweet.

I would recommend Portico to anyone. Certainly the pre-theater crowd should be flocking here just as much as any other district restaurant (Hayes St. Grill, Ivy's), if not more, since a very worthwhile dinner for four can easily cost under $100.

Around Town...

Okay—the **Cafe Flore** (Noe & Market Sts.) My impression remains in flux: Food here creatively combines California-health fare with traditional preparations, but execution tends to be inconsistent, with, for example, roasted potatoes being raw one day and charred the next. And yet the cafe itself, half in, half out, still has great appeal, for location, people watching and plain fun. *Food: ▼ ▼ ▼, Service: (order counter, food brought to tables): ▼ ▼ ▼, Atmosphere: ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼.*

Garibaldi's Goes South (798 Brannan at 7th) brings to mind an imaginary restaurant in a gay resort. Hunky and tanned waiters serve up nouvelle Mexican food (let's not call it "authentic" anymore, because it's not) in colorful Carribeanesque surroundings. The menu is uninspired, tired, even, if you've been eating this stuff for the last six or seven years, although notable dishes included: a plate of chicken tenderloins in a spicy peanut sauce and a delectable masa morra (fresh corn mash). Quesadillas and fajitas were disappointingly nondescript, but do earn points for being served sizzling in hot iron pans. *Food: ▼ ½, Service: ▼ ▼, Atmosphere: ▼ ▼.*

What the hell is a flat latte? Remember when these high falootin' coffees were a new thing and you felt proud for just uttering the proper number of syllables to the counter person? Gone are the days of simple cappuccino, and voila, the arrival of the modified espresso drink. Too many people saw *L.A. Story* and *When Harry Met Sally* and decided it was acceptable to self-stylize their every order. It began when we started abbreviating—"I'll have a cap," "Decaf lat," "Regular." So now we've got flat ones? I assume that to be a latte with steamed milk, no foam. What's next? "I'd like a decaf mocha, but don't stir it and give the milk on the side. Oh—and can you make that with steamed soy milk?"

I probably shouldn't tell any more people about this, but **Aunt Edith's Mill**, at 912 Eddy St., serves the quintessential vegetarian brunch in a delightful, troubadour setting. Step into the 16th century and take a bite of one of three breakfasts offered: pancakes, waffles or french toast, each made from whole grain products and served with fruit, seeds, nuts and jams. Service has its quirks, but bring the Sunday paper and be prepared to wait—Aunt Edith's is only open on Sundays, 9 am to 2 pm. *Food: ▼ ▼ ▼ ½; Service: ▼; Atmosphere: ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼.*

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BY GENE PRICE

Carrie: The Play

Carrie is a gas. This homophile, queer, transgenderist interpretation of the '70s movie classic is a production of Playstitute, producers Diet Popstitute and Andrew Wood. It was directed by and starred Tony Vaguely as the ill-fated prom queen, Carrie.

Prefatory remarks by Diet Popstitute enumerated the cast (for those too spaced out to read the program), none of whom I have known or slept with, though all of whom were greeted with the emotional "hurrahs" usually reserved for disgraced heads of state. Miss Carrie's tiara, I thought you'd want to know right off, was by Roderick. As Annie of her namesake musical was wont to sing, "You're never fully dressed without a tiara."

I had better say here and now that I have never seen the movie. Good taste *will* prevail. I understand, however, that the dialogue and pertinent scenes have been lifted bodily from that horror epic. As Noel Coward was wont to say, "I couldn't have liked it more."

Encouraging audience participation, the unbilled Justin Bond flounced on now and again to direct our reaction via cue cards. Sometimes she made us do it over until we got it right.

Performed by the Sick & Twisted Players, who had previously astounded Klubstitute patrons with their illegitimate takeoffs on *Alien, starring Josie and the Pussycats in Outer Space, Friday the 13th with the Brady Bunch,* and *The Shining, the Musical, Carrie* featured such well-known rejects from the Royal Academy of Acting as Omewenne Grimstone, Fruitfly, Dawn of Aquarius (DOA) to his friends), Leigh Crow (aka Elvis Herselvis), Michael G. Page, and a Don Baird look-alike, among others. Special thanks in the program went to the San Francisco Parks Police. (I can only assume it was for dropping all charges.) Ggreg Taylor of *SF Bay Times* was also thanked. They didn't say why. I didn't ask.

Carrie, as you all knew (though I didn't) gets her belated first menstrual period in gym class. She thinks she's dying but is nevertheless pelted with tampons by her sophisticated classmates. Sympathetic gym teacher Miss Collin (Michael G. Page), wearing more lipstick than any female gym teacher I ever knew—or slept with—sends her home. Worse luck. Her religious fanatic Mama (Miss Grimstone) carries on about Eve's guilt and forces the hapless Carrie into the closet for some repentant prayer.

Someone must have told plain Carrie that if you aren't pretty and popular, you should develop your mind. Carrie does. She has a little book of magic and becomes rather skilled at such parlor tricks as slamming windows and zapping Mama with a jolt or two.

Meantime, Carrie's classmates hatch a foul plot. They prevail upon dreamboat Tommy (Dawn of Aquarius) to ask her to the prom. He does, and she's in hog heaven. But I get ahead of myself.

Some of the fun kids kill a pig to get a bucket of blood (the penned pig is played by the Don Baird look-alike while Justin Bond exhorts us to "bash a pig, bash a pig.")

But you know the rest. The votes are rigged, Carrie is elected prom queen, and when she mounts the stage to be crowned, a bucket of blood (an anemic pig if I ever stuck one) is unleashed over her blond tresses and re-cycled Vanity Fair slip.

Hitherto repressed, Carrie just goes to pieces. She slams the windows and doors shut, starts fires, and casts an evil eye on the fire hose snaking its way through the high school gym. It's a telekinetic jamboree in slow motion. Carrie then goes home and zaps her Mama and herself into oblivion. Yes, the classmate who escaped goes, in an ill-advised fit of repentence, to lay flowers on Carrie's grave. Zap!

Photo by Marc Geller

The Sick & Twisted Carrie

Carrie closed last Monday at its Life on the Water venue. But don't you believe it. She'll be back, mad as hell. I doubt those Sick & Twisted Players will retire this one until every hair in Miss Grimstone's wig falls out from sheer exhaustion.

Only the Truth Is Funny

He is already talking as the lights come up on his sparse set, a casual rattan chair, a '50s floor lamp, and a small table with a pitcher of lemonade.

"I'm Rick Reynolds. I was born in Portland, Ore., in 1951. I am six foot, two-and-a-half inches tall, and weigh 195 pounds. I have a big nose. I have large hands. I believe my penis to be of average size, and I'm losing my hair."

He prowls the stage, left to right, right to left, all arms and legs and angst-haunted eyes. Acknowledging his expensive hair transplant, he says, "When my acne went away, so did my hair. I never had *one* good year."

What Reynolds is *not* is as important as what he is. He is not a stand-up comedian who delivers a barrage of sexist one-liners and insults couples in the first row. He is a monologist with some personal stories and observations in the tradition of Spalding Gray, Eric Bogosian and Shelley Berman. Ingratiating and soul-baring, he is off on an odyssey of unvarnished truths about himself and his family that is as unsettling, moving and funny as anything you are likely to experience this side of an analyst's couch.

We are treated to a litany of his beliefs and disbeliefs. He does not believe in God though he hopes God won't hold it against him. He does believe in and cherishes sex, chocolate, naps, his collection of 40,000 records, that self-indulgent extra 10 minutes of sleep after the alarm goes off, the fact that he's teetering on the brink of success, his infant son, Cooper, and above all, his wife, Lisa.

"I love my wife, even though the bitch won't

1991 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards

Angels in America, (a gay Fantasia on national themes) commissioned and produced by the Eureka Theatre, took top honors with seven awards out of 11 nominations at Monday night's Bay Area Theatre Critics Awards at the GiftCenter Pavilion.

Playwright Tony Kushner's drama was given staged workshops at the Mark Taper Forum, the New York Theatre Workshop, and the Sundance Institute prior to Eureka's mounting of part one, "The Millenium Approaches," and a staged reading of part two last year.

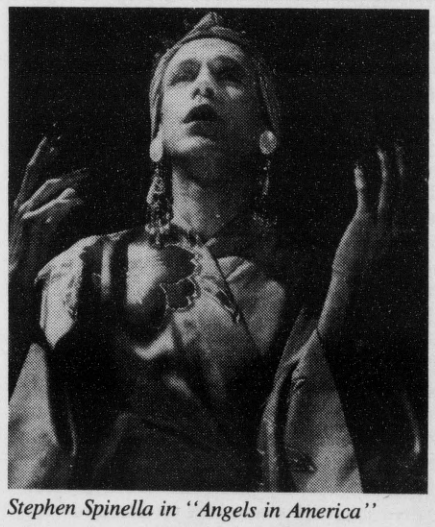
Angels picked up awards for outstanding production, two principal male performances (John Belluci and Stephen Spinella), principal female performance (Anne Darragh), director (David Esbjornson), original script, and lighting (Jack Carpenter and Jim Cave).

In keeping with the 24-member Circle's policy of recognizing "outstanding" rather than single "best" performance, multiple awards were presented in a number of categories.

Sharing awards with *Angels* was the Sunseed production of *Dear Master*, which won the critics' acclaim for entire production, principal female (Barbara Oliver), and original script (Dorothy Bryant).

Ingrid Gerstmann also shared a principal performance, female, award for her role in *O Pioneers!* The TheatreWorks production was also acknowledged for choreography, musical score and musical direction in a drama.

Ken Ruta was the third actor to share a principal performance, male, honor for ACT's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.*

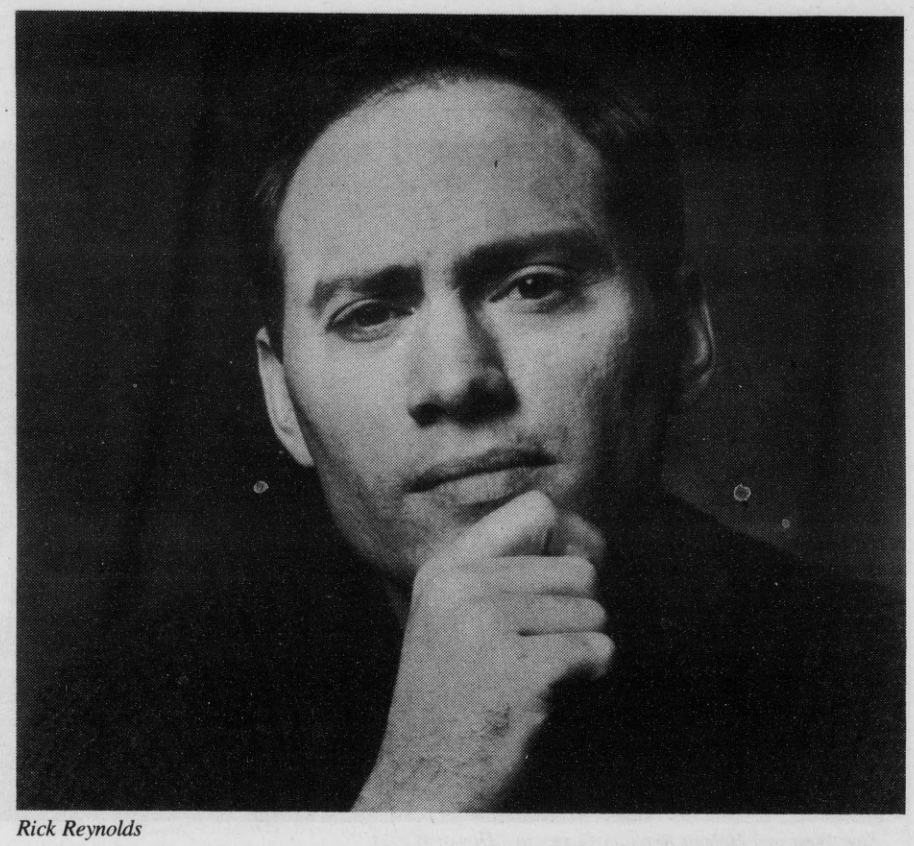


Stephen Spinella in "Angels in America"

Annie Murray of *Major Barbara* and Charles Dean of *The Illusion*, both Berkeley Repertory productions, Howard Swain of *Taking Steps* and Joey Carlin of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,* both ACT productions, took supporting performance awards.

In the category for touring productions, the critics' nod for drama went to *A Room of One's Own* and Berkeley Repertory's presentation of the New York Shakespeare Festival production of *Spunk. City of Angels* captured the top four awards for outstanding musical.

The Critics Circle also voted a posthumous award to Bill Ball for his vision and talent in founding and guiding the American Conservatory Theatre. Additional special awards were given to Jim and Harriet Schlader in recognition of a quarter of a century of presenting musical theater at Woodminister, and to Stephanie Weisman of The Marsh for her commitment to the presentation of solo performance and innovative theater.



Rick Reynolds

take my name," he says. "I would die for her," he says and pauses, "I think." He professes shock when Lisa tells him she would prefer his blindness to her brother's death. He suggests that may not have been a fair question.

"I make up for being opinionated by always being right." He admits to being compulsively anal. He makes lists of everything: women he has slept with, his 20 best friends who change places with disconcerting regularity. He makes lists of things to be done and includes things *already* done so he can indulge in the joy of crossing them off.

"I will only tell the truth," he says, and out of some painful and near-tragic memories of growing up, he creates a scaffolding of comedic "moments" from which he can view his world. Those views may not reveal anything that we didn't already know, but they may well reinforce some homilies we've long forgotten or have chosen not to remember.

Some of his remembered moments are frightening as they are frank, some are poignant, some are unabashedly sentimental. With ironic detachment he tells how his mother watched from the shore as his father drowned in the river. He recalls a childhood game being interrupted by an alcoholic stepfather dragging his mother by the hair into the house. He tells of his mother's descent into alcoholism, manic-depression and the effects of shock treatment; of a religious zealot brother whose over-long prayer lets the Thanksgiving turkey get cold; and of the kind, lovable stepfather who turned out to be a compulsive gambler and bank robber.

"If you weren't related to your family," he asks, "would you ever see them again?"

Reynolds once thought that children were "stupid little people who didn't pay rent." But having shared the rites of birth with Lisa, he is now overcome with the concept of family. Never having been told that he was loved, he resolves to tell his son every day that he loves him. He loves his mother, too, but regrets that it is too late now to tell her. It would ruin their relationship, he says.

"I am nice," he says early in the show. "I care very much what you think of me." He has managed to create an evening of revelatory and funny moments from the stark experiences of his youth. He condenses them into one concept: Responsibility is a necessary ingredient for happiness.

On the way out of the theater people were saying things like, "heartwarming and funny," "funny and inspiring." I couldn't have said it better.

Only the Truth Is Funny plays at the Marines Memorial Theatre through May 10. Call 771-6900.

The Cocktail Hour

A. R. Gurney (*Love Letters* and *The Dining Room*) has penned another drawing room drama about a class he knows so well. In *The Cocktail Hour*, we are privy to an upstate New York, upper-middle-class family as they exchange friendly fire during extended pre-dinner cocktails.

Patriarch Bradley sloshes Scotch into his glass and remarks that the reason nobody goes to the theater these days is that the actors stand around yelling at each other, "and then they take their clothes off!"

The old guy may have something. The old guy is William Paterson who is blessed in this play with what may be the crowning achievement of his 25-year career with ACT. In his club tie, his pin-striped suit, and with an eyebrow cocked with hauteur, he is the embodiment of an urbane and dying breed. His Bradley is an old fogey who would condemn old fogeys. He bemoans the passing of the era of the full-time servant. "They were the mainstay of intelligent life." Like many old-line Republicans, he can trace the collapse of civilization to FDR and his giveaways. Even so, some traditions are sacred, and the cocktail hour is one of them. "It allows people to unwind," his wife says, "and talk things over." (Or, in some cases, to skirt the issue entirely.)

Into this husband-and-wife ritual comes prodigal son John (Mark Bramhall) toting his latest script, which has been optioned for production. It's called "The Cocktail Hour," and it's based on his own family, and he'd like their blessing.

Bradley shudders with disdain. He doesn't want to read it or touch it. Mother Ann (Anne Lawder) glances at it on the coffee table as though it contained a virus to challenge the bubonic plague. When daughter Nina (Frances Lee McCain) arrives, she flips through some pages to find her character and discovers she is mostly exiting rooms. She is furious at being slighted and joins the attack on John. Ann pleads with him to convert the play into a novel. Novels are quieter, she suggests, and perhaps nobody would read it, and besides, novelists get their friends to write good reviews.

With no plot to speak of, Gurney peels away the veneer holding this family together, paralleling John's own story line. John admits his play hasn't much plot and that it needs an all-important spin in the final act.

The cocktail hour is further extended when the offstage temp cook (nobody calls her by her correct name) burns the roast. By now Ann, who has

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Dream of a Common Language

The title of Heather McDonald's drama, in its world premiere at Berkeley Repertory, taken from Adrienne Rich's poetry, presumably refers to the inability of men and women to communicate on common ground. Everything is in order for a hit: a talented cast, good costumes (Susan Hilferty), handsome scenic effects (Kate Edmonds), an elegant musical score (Paul Dresher) and a concept. Unfortunately, the dramatization of the concept is as unfocused and smudgy as a second-rate impressionist painting.

The setting is the late 19th century of French impressionism, but the play's treatment of the artistic repression of women is disconcertingly late 20th century. Had playwright McDonald framed her concept in a more dramatic plot—with a more sympathetic female protagonist—this didactic conversation piece would have made a more challenging impact. Thinly disguised as drama, the theme is not so much implicit in the story as it is laid bare for our instruction.

A group of male impressionists have gathered at the country home of artist Victor (James Carpenter) and his wife Clovis, (Lori Holt). The men are planning a second exhibit of the Salon des Refuses, having been again rejected by the academicians. It is a business dinner, Victor tells Clovis, and women will not be permitted at the table. Then he's off to hunt rabbits for the feast.

Clovis and Dolores (Judith Marx), a housekeeper/confidante sit in the garden and review their lives. Dolores speaks without bitterness of having loved and stayed with a number of men until they told her to go. Clovis speaks of her career as a student painter. Having had one of her paintings rejected by the Salon, she has recently burned all of her work, scorching her hair in the

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FILM

BY RANDY TUROFF

Howards End

The prodigious collaborators Ismail Merchant and James Ivory have once again produced a magnificent literary-period film. *Howards End*, the 1902 novel by E.M. Forster, has lent itself perfectly well for adaptation to the screen. The book is juicy with good characters, psychological plots and subplots, class dynamics, romance and intelligent dialogue. The Merchant-Ivory team has taken the book, had it adapted by novelist and screenwriter Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, and expanded it into a fitting vehicle for their own sumptuous cinematic style.

Howards End is both stylish and accessible. The chosen cast of actors is superlative, including Anthony Hopkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Helena Bonham Carter (who debuted in their E.M. Forster adaptation, *A Room with a View*), James Wilby (who played Maurice in the openly gay Merchant-Ivory 1987 film based on Forster's posthumous declaration of his homosexuality), Emma Thompson (from Kenneth Branagh's *Dead Again*), Sam West, and others.

Having recently been subjected to Charles Sturridge's awful clunky film adaptation of E.M. Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*, I thought I was off on Forster for a while, but *Howards End* is as good as novelistic films can get. The difference in the approaches is that Merchant-Ivory don't play the characters for their social stereotypes; they develop them into fully complex individuals buffeted by their social realities. The characters react in personal ways to the circumstances which test their ethics and their moral fiber. The issues they face come close to being karmic. *Howards End* is classic in the sense that whatever happens is inevitable, and everyone reaps the seeds they have sown. In the end, every character is completely changed, some for better, some for worse.

The story is about two wealthy English families, one conservative and priggish, the other intellectual, arty and without a ruling patriarch. The two youngest members of each family have a brief teenage fling together, and through a circuitous series of happenings, both families end up dramatically enmeshed with each other. The jealousies and rivalries between various members of both families become murderously intense, as intense as the bonds of love and romance struck up by other family players for one another. The key relationship which continues the inter-family dramas and which catapults the action forward, is the sick and dying Mrs. Wilcox's overwhelming affection for Marjorie Schlegal.

On her deathbed, Mrs. Wilcox tells Marjorie, "I've been thinking of you and *our* meadow." In a profoundly baffling last gesture, Mrs. Wilcox signs her family's country estate, Howards End, over to Miss Schlegal, a rather recent acquaintance who's never set foot on the property. Mr. Wilcox and his children willfully destroy this evidence of his wife's last request, and Marjorie is left in the dark.

The relationship on screen between Marjorie Schlegal and Ruth Wilcox is very strange indeed. From out of nowhere the two pick up on a friendship which apparently had roots in previous encounters with each other, but which were not shown to us, not even in flashbacks or in meaningful allusions. The relationship between the two women, although crucial to the story and filmed very nicely, came off as little more than a convenient plot device. This was certainly the weakest part of an otherwise psychologically astute film. Even if Ruth was over the deep end, we needed more evidence of that.

Howards End is a perky film which, not wasting any time, generally makes good use of the sequence of events in getting us into its characters and the sets and settings in London, as well as the beautiful countryside. It exhibits Forster's sophistication and wit, his love of literature, and his incisive social commentary.

Photo by Derrick Santini

Sam West and Helena Bonham Carter in "Howards End."

Forster's exposure of the inequities of the class system are nowhere more profound than in the portrayal of the life, the struggles and martyrdom of one Leonard Bast.

This poetic Shropshire lad, having become an unemployed London clerk, is the sacrificial lamb who unintentionally reflects each of the other characters' moral stances in the world. Through a series of bizarre interconnections, everything from Helen Schlegal pinching an umbrella at a lecture hall, to Mr. Wilcox's seamy affair with a 16-year-old prostitute, the character of Leonard Bast suddenly appears and transforms everyone's status quo. Acting almost as a biblical agent, Bast's life changes everyone else's.

Although Leonard is martyred, he is symbolically resurrected in the form of his own son. In the end it is Leonard and Helen's love-child who is to inherit the Wilcox estate, Howards End, through Marjorie Wilcox's generosity. Finally, Ruth Wilcox's last wish, that Marjorie inherit her estate, was fulfilled. Everyone was redeemed. In the course of balancing things out, a man is dead, another is incarcerated and egos have been broken down. But for Forster, psychological destiny acts as the great leveler and what's meant to be comes to pass.

Mr. Wilcox's snotty disdain for the poor and his insular moral irresponsibility is pitted against Helen's sentimental do-gooder idealism. Their personal antagonism for each other's politics and ethics is delicately handled by Marjorie who loves them both. As Leonard was the martyr, Marjorie is the hero of the novel. She finalizes the union between the two families by becoming the synthesis, the unifier, the stern but merciful matriarchal ruler of both clans.

Howards End is a great novel which is timely and timeless in its portrayal of human nature. The film sacrifices none of the intelligence of the novel, but instead adds a playfulness and aesthetic pizazz to the story. The film opens on Friday, April 17, at the Bridge Theatre in San Francisco.

Culture Bytes

First and foremost, congratulations to San Francisco lesbian filmmaker Debra Chasnoff for scoring an Academy Award for her documentary-short *Deadly Deception*. Chasnoff gave a grand acceptance speech at the Oscars, urging a boycott of G.E. (the folks who are in the business of nuclear weapons manufacturing and cancer-causing environmental pollution, along with making their lightbulbs). Chasnoff took the forum and acknowledged support from her long-time lover, Kim Klausner, and their son, Noah. She also gave thanks to Bay Area cinematographer *celebre* Fawn Yacker for her work on *Deadly Deception*. Congrats from everyone to Fawn, as well.

From April 23-May 7, the **San Francisco International Film Festival** kicks off its 35th year celebration. I think this year will prove to be one of its best, with the inclusion of many new American independent features, instead of the old focus on obscure Visigoth and Romanian favorites, and archival silent shorts from the T'ang Dynasty. This year we will see new films from Jim Jarmusch and Spalding Gray, and a big opening night Hollywood feature from Robert Altman. The great Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray has been named to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. He's always been one of my favorite large-scale independent filmmakers, and if you've never experienced any of his early films, now is your chance. Also highlighted is the West Coast premiere of his 1991 film, *The Visitor*.

Slated for an award this year is actress Geena Davis (of *Thelma and Louise*: my Oscar film pick) who will receive the 1992 Piper-Heidsieck award at a special ceremony on April 27, recognizing her as "a film actress whose career exemplifies independence, courage, risk-taking, and the avoidance of the conventional."

A number of interesting-sounding documentaries are making their debuts at the festival as well. I'm in the midst of press screenings at the moment, so I can't be more definitive. Check out the booklet which is all around town for times and theaters. It's advised that you order your tickets well in advance from BASS/TM.

As for particularly lesbian/gay films, there are very few. There aren't that many films by women filmmakers either. But we do have a new documentary by Academy Award-winner Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman called *Where Are We? Our Trip Through America*. A short film on disco and gay male identity called *(Tell Me Why) The Epistemology of Disco* is showing with a weirdo made-up UFO kind of pseudo-documentary called *Tribulation 99*, which I've seen and would not necessarily recommend. Marlon Riggs' *Color Adjustment: Blacks in Prime Time* returns again to the screen for those who haven't yet seen it. For the girls, there's only one

totally lesbian-identified film, and it's called *Jollies*. It runs all of 13 minutes and it's billed along with a feature from the very straight male filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard. The big feature from France which reportedly has a gay male character is something called *I Don't Kiss*, about a young male street hustler who is kept by women, who falls in love with Emmanuelle Beart, and ends up being raped by her pimp. That's all that's listed for gay and lesbian themes. On the other hand, I just saw a wonderful movie at the press screening by Mexican director Maria Novaro called *Danzon*, which features a very warm friendship between the heroine and a hefty Carmen Miranda drag queen in Vera Cruz.

The last note on the Film Festival is the very special production: *At the Max—The Rolling Stones in Concert*. It's being presented on the colossal 65x89 foot screen at the Pictorium Theatre at Great America in Santa Clara. The IMAX giant-screen format is nothing like anything you've ever seen before. The sound system is total. The concert film is preceded by the 3-D IMAX Canadian short *The Last Buffalo*. *At the Max* is having 3 showings. Admission for this special event is $12. Check it out and order through BASS/TM.

NEO-LESBO VIDEO

Frameline's Neo-Lesbo Video presentation on March 26 at the Eye Gallery was a huge success. The large gallery/loft was packed to the gills with girls enjoying such shorts as *Joystick Blues* (two lesbians, a dildo and a dog who likes to bury all sorts of bones); *Vital Signs*—Barbara Hammer's latest eerie dance of death between herself and a skeleton; Christine Rasmussen's highly imaginative and Barbie-Doll campy *Doll Shop*; Ingrid Wilhite and June Palladino's audience pleaser *Pet Names*, which had the audience laughing wildly at the huggy-poo naming ritual between a wide range of lesbian couples; and Azian Nurudin's slick short about pop art and porn icons. Jennie Olson's *Levi's 501s Commercial* literally captured the essence of the lesbian experience in a one-minute quickie.

If you're interested in **lesbian parenting**, be sure to turn on PBS Channel 9 on Monday, April 13, at 10 pm. The upcoming Viewpoint documentary called *Alternative Conceptions* deals with lesbians who've conceived by donor insemination. It's an interesting and innovative film, and Roberta Achtenberg has a guest spot as legal spokesperson.

The last cultural byte, but certainly not of least importance, is an announcement of the upcoming Earth Drama Lab extravaganza sponsored by Life On The Water. The theme of EDL is environmental preservation presented as cultural entertainment. The Festival runs from April 17-May 16 and opens with the **Rock the Bay concert at Fort Mason**, MC'd by Jello Biafra, with scheduled appearances by Connie Champagne and Her Orchestra, Elvis Herselvis, Zulu Spear, Zazu Pitts Memorial Orchestra and others. Events which follow for the next weeks include theater by Susan Griffin in collaboration with Ruth Zaporah, Cherrie Moraga's ongoing play *Heroes and Saints*, an evening with Senator Eugene McCarthy, dance performances from New York, a new Native American play, improvs, lectures, a film series called Lyrical Nitrate and much more. For information call (415) 885-0401. I hope to be able to review some of the events, in case you're busy doing some of the other 10,000 things which are going on simultaneously in San Francisco this spring season.

Common...

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process. Now recovering, she no longer paints "women's paintings," still lifes of flowers and pretty cups. Now she wanders off into the woods and her distracted manner is a source of worry to Victor and the son for whom she shows little real affection. She wants to be taken seriously, but she gives little evidence of being a serious person. Victor's character is more clearly revealed when the anguished Clovis says to him, "touch me." "Where?" he asks.

The arrival of Pola (Amy Hill) sets the women's dialogue spinning. Pola, another rejected woman painter, has achieved a certain notoriety through determination. Since neither she nor Clovis were permitted to attend nude model classes, they have never worked with figure painting. Self-sufficient, witty, charming, Pola has charged off on her own, up the Amazon, where she has catalogued rare butterflies with her brush. This liberated woman is accepted to a degree by her male contemporaries, but she is still not welcome at the business dinner. Incensed, she instigates a "sopranos' dinner." The three women filch food from the kitchen (chicken, asparagus, strawberries, whipped cream) and several bottles of wine. They sing, they dance, they speak in hushed soloquies that begin, "I remember... "

When male guest Marc (Victor Talmadge) and former lover of Clovis, invades their garden territory, a very tipsy Clovis points Victor's rifle at

Photo by Ken Friedman

Lorri Holt as Clovis, Amy Hill as Pola and Judith Marx (standing upstage) as Delores indulge in a garden romp in "Dream of a Common Language"

him and demands that he strip and pose nude for her. Victor enters and, sensitive to her frustration, disrobes before the guests and takes a pose. Clovis begins to paint. (I was left with the impression that this husband so loved his wife that he would gladly have posed nude for her at any time, had she only asked.)

What might have been a compelling drama about women's acceptance as artists collapsed in a willful display of tantrum. Had Clovis' character suggested the potential of a Berthe Morisot or Mary Cassat (whose works *were* accepted from the first), she might have struck a more responsive chord.

The Dolores of Judith Marx was a much more sympathetic character. What a pleasure to listen to her voice playing elegant musical chords as she speaks of lost loves. And what a delight to revel in the exuberent talent of Amy Hill as Pola. Hill radiates excitement. Her Pola is the real story of this didactic drama.

Dream of a Common Language continues at the Berkeley Repertory through April 12. Call 845-4700.

Cocktail...

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had half a dozen refills "just a splash... I mean it," has practically given up trying to follow the conversation. Nina, who wants to take a sabbatical from her husband and children and go off to Cleveland to take a course with seeing eye dogs, has fled upstairs in tears. A long distance call by Bradley to his favorite son reveals further treachery from his children. The absent son is going to pack up his family and move to California to work on wooden boats. Bradley staggers about the room, a Greek tragedian playing for pity, reminding his wife and son that he will soon be gone without ever having seen his dutiful son again.

Alone with his mother, John forces the confrontation that he hopes will provide the key scene in his script. Why did his mother have no time for him as a child? Why did she, with her money, choose his father? Is he really his father's son? Why did nobody say they loved him?

Nina and Ann whip up an emergency dinner of lamb chops while father and son get in their final round. John assures his father that the plot problem has been solved and that the script will no longer embarrass the family. Bradley retrieves the $20,000 check he gave John on condition that he not produce the play. It's a cop-out on Gurney's part and John's stuck with it.

I daresay any acting student hereabouts could learn more of the craft by watching William Patterson shift mood gears than from reading a dozen books on acting technique. Patrician Anne Lawder is sympathetically helpless, though I'd have preferred more bite and less subservience. Frances Lee McCain delivered a finely honed performance as the to-the-manor-born daughter. Bramwell (who made his debut in 1966 with the original ACT company) had the somewhat thankless task of functioning as the catalyst responsible for this cocktail hour's mini-trauma. Is there really a character here for an actor to get their teeth into?

Albert Takazauckas, who is a master at directing dysfunctional families on the brink of collapse, guided this foursome skillfully through some plot pitfalls and an unsatisfactory ending. Steven Rubin's living room, elegant draperies, Queen Anne furniture and flowered wallpaper whispered "good taste."

The Cocktail Hour continues through May 16 at the Theatre on the Square. Call 749-2ACT or 433-9500.

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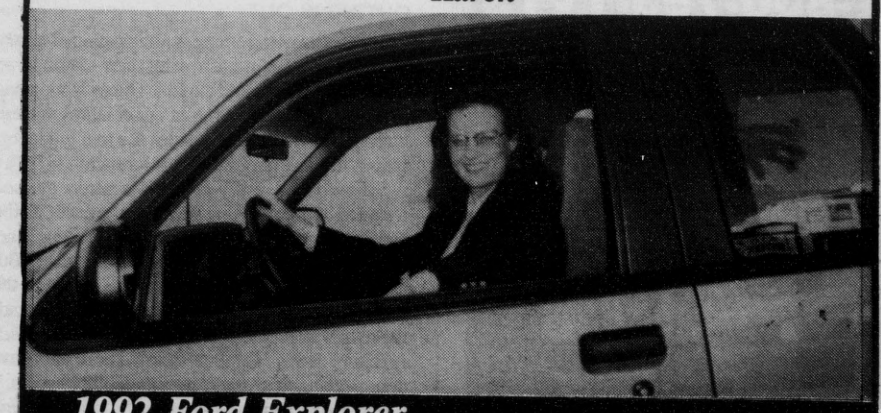

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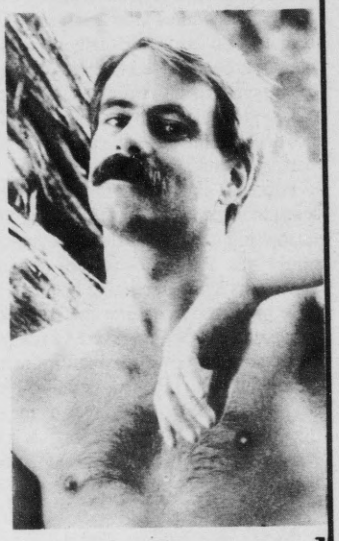

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Modern Myths Form The Post Modern Demo

Arriving in Los Angeles for the Oscar protest, I was unsure of what to expect. The demonstration, which had evolved from the idea of the March on Hollywood, was still an amorphous blob of action, needing further definition.

Meeting former *Outweek* monster Michelangelo Signorile at the Gallery Six cafe on Santa Monica, I was briskly greeted with an explosion of details and rumors pertaining to the action. Operation Elevator was the most enticing possibility. Signorile explained that an industry insider might be able to sneak someone into the Oscars on an elevator which opened feet from the podium on stage. We would soon find that fabulous rumors like Operation Elevator were the norm.

As the weekend progressed, the gathered queer nationals came to describe the brewing action as an activism milestone: the entry into history of the post-modern demo. Clearly, the media had called the action, fanning rumors and sensationalizing Hollywood's paranoia. Signorile explained, "All we had to do was show up."

The protests could be labeled successful before they had even occurred, with well researched, articulate stories filling the national media for many days preceding, rumbling with expectations and fears. The Sunday *New York Times*, a bastion of gay invisibility, ran a three-page article highlighting Hollywood homophobia, and *USA Today* ran an opinion piece penned by Signorile.

It was apparent that the entire industry was shaking, and could no longer hit the snooze alarm and hide under the covers.

Counter-spins in the media barrage became necessary, as crackpots started speaking with the media, feeding its need for banner headlines and tabloid scandal. One over-the-top L.A. wacko supplied innumerable delicious rumors, delightful for their pure insanity, but potentially explosive and in need of deflating. My favorite to emerge was that Marky Mark enjoyed being fisted by his boyfriend.

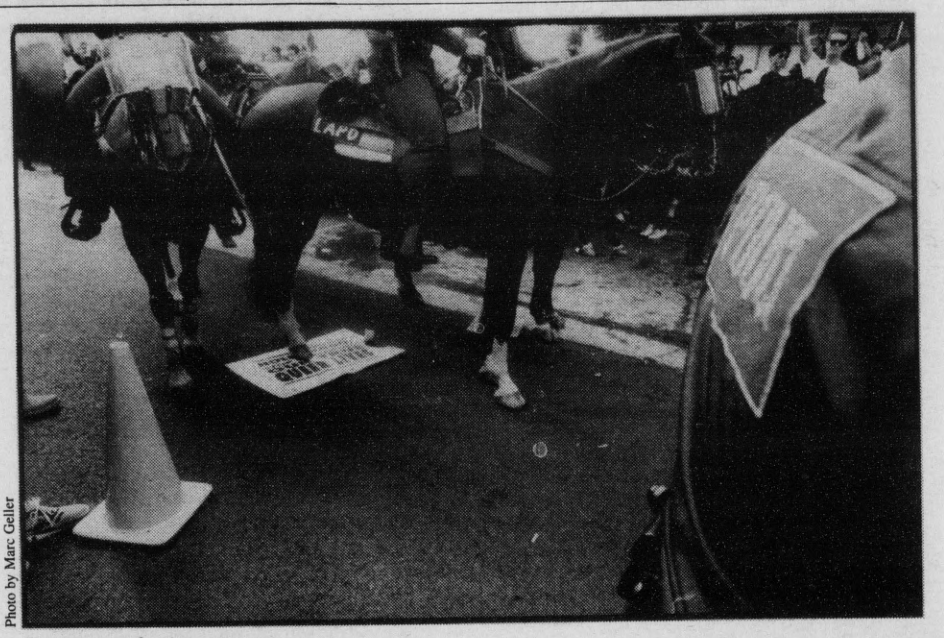
Truth also became necessary to manipulate, as Rob Roberts, who called for the March on Sacramento for AB101, outed Jodie Foster at the morning press conference. The demonstration was intended to highlight entertainment industry homophobia as a whole, not rip self-loathing closet cases out from their bastions, necessitating the rearticulation of our main focus to the press.

OUTING IS OUT

The media was frothing in anticipation of a tasty outing story, again narrowing their vision to an issue which they could exploit. Queer Nation had planned to present a map of queer stars' homes, highlighting the homos' abodes in a tour guide format at the morning press conference.

Sallow-faced, puffy-eyed newscasters pressed forward at the morning press conference, as the activists proceeded to create a stir in the long, early morning shadows of towering gold statues. But again the narrow focus and limited vision of the media necessitated a new strategy, and in its stead, the map was replaced with one entitled *Hopefully Hetero Stars' Homes*, stating "These stars have done *nothing* to promote queer visibility in film," listing the locations of queers and non-queers who have damaged the gay rights movement.

Unfortunately, the physical demo itself was the least important aspect to the action, though not the least interesting. Only a couple hundred people showed up, though the numbers were difficult to gauge. Because no specific actions were planned, there was no focus for activity, and after a few minutes of wandering through the collected protesters, many new arrivals left, feeling excluded.



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It was an ugly sign anyway.

So many red ribbons do little more than so much red tape, pathetic and offensive as tolerance and sympathy.

The LAPD obviously had little experience controlling such a group, as even *Examiner* reporter Cyra McFadden noted to me. They employed riot tactics on a peaceful demonstration, using divisive formations to split the crowd in halves to break its power. Undirected, inexperienced activists are more dangerous than peacefully directed ones, and the police tactics could have escalated the situation into a dangerous one.

After the demonstration, we gathered around the television at the media center, dreaming something would happen as we watched the awards. We hoped Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon or Shirley MacLaine would break the silence about the surging rabble outside, but our wishes were not answered.

Instead, tastefully displayed red ribbons for AIDS paraded across the stage on lapels and gown straps, a silent testimony to media manipulation, the HIV equivalent to green marketing. Few stars were wearing red ribbons as they arrived in their limos; someone backstage was silently pinning them on, perhaps to simulate sincerity and caring. So many red ribbons do little more than so much red tape, pathetic and offensive as tolerance and sympathy.

CATHERINE DOES IT

The Oscar demonstration reiterated the need for California homo radicals to come together and communicate better, adding power to our messages. One third of those present with whistles and signs in front of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion were from San Francisco, yet we were not included in any of the planning, nor did we feel welcome.

It appeared that L.A.'s idea of an action was getting people together in one place at one time, then setting them loose. Los Angeles queer activism revolves around anarchy, which is probably a rebellious response toward the control and restraint created by Hollywood.

In San Francisco, the women of Catherine Did It exemplify the most exciting pro-queer, hooliganistic propaganda squad to emerge from California since Boy With Arms Akimbo. Tasteful design, along with exuberant energy and brilliant execution whipped this lesbo thought squadron into the forefront of SF activism, as well as parading them through the headlines.

Frustration filled my processing on the way home, diverted only by cruising truckers and rest stops along our late night route. (What they say about truck stops is true.)

California leadership needs to focus on unification and communication. In the onslaught of oppression, it is difficult to do. But with training and hindsight we can become victorious against our collected enemies.

MISCREANT PRODUCE-FLICKER ENTERS PLEA

Recently crowned Miss Uranus (and concurrently, alleged produce-flicker) **Miss Betty Pearl** will be placed on trial Easter weekend as one segment of a three-part niteclub series, including the Last Potluck at Fusion, the trial at Klubstitute, and the resolution at Uranus.

The triad initiates at Fusion, with a performance-based potluck in **Michael Blue**'s front room. Overexposed spokesmodel **Jerome** will be featured as the victim du jour, taking the hot seat at the ***Last Potluck***, Thursday, April 16. Hopefully, Jerome's favorite foods—salad and ice tea—will be served. Michael's creativity with the lounge, utilizing shifting themes and playful vignettes which no other disco features presently, makes Fusion more interesting as a whole.

The hearing at Klubstitute the following evening aims to resolve the issues of a young, fake eyelash-sporting female heterosexual complainant against the miscreant kindergarten teacher. Controversy has engulfed Miss Pearl following the vegetable shrapnel incident, and a settlement regarding the offending root is necessitated.

The Uranus portion of the weekend triad is unclear, which is nothing new for the club, where ambiguity supersedes definition, and electrical tape mascarades as decor.

The monthly To Go version of Uranus in Santa Cruz was predictably talent-ridden, featuring the charms of rocker harpy, **Rena McDonald**, who enchanted her collected fans by trying to spit into their proffered beer bottles. Rena will next be appearing at my upcoming **RAW Meat** soiree, crooning new tunes from her much-awaited, upcoming rock sensation, *Eat Your Product*. South of Uranus lands at the Blue Lagoon the first Saturday of every month, and acts as an excellent ex-

cuse to get away from the Bay.

Further down the coast, Los Angeles has finally generated a product which San Franciscans will surely embrace: Mothers Against Serial Killers. *"M.A.S.K. is dedicated to informing and educating the American public about societal menaces,"* proclaims the catalog's introduction. Right. 'Fess up. It's a clever phrase that works on a baseball cap, or T-shirt. I recommend ordering your modestly priced Jeffrey "Eat Your Heart Out" Dahmer sportswear soon: Seder is just around the corner. Request the '92 catalog from M.A.S.K, 4216 Beverly Blvd., Suite 247, LA, CA 90004.

Attitude, Southern California's main export—always a popular commodity among the closeted and self-loathing—can now be found in ample portions in our own fair city, negating the need for a trip down the coast. The doormen at Bahia on Tuesdays have redefined the genre, championing the title of San Francisco's Premier Niteclub Door Horrors. Their blunt indifference and disdain for their clientele can only be compared to the contempt delivered by public service government employees. Guests receive better treatment at the door of 850 Bryant.

BARE BUTT BEAUTY PAGEANT TASTE TEST

Castro's "only leather/Levi/uniform bar," The Headquarters, is more enticing. I felt that I had achieved a new level in my career as a celebutante when the owner of the bar requested that I be one of the judges for their "Full Moon" contest, a bare butt beauty pageant the HQ features the night of every full moon. In my excitement I envisioned Retin A and Oxy 10 jokes pouring forth as the other judges and I grabbed an eyeful of droopy, white, bespeckled skin sagging from underpants beyond the help of bleach.

The actual butt grinding and boy-hole flaunting was much less eventful than I had visualized, however—aside from the hope that one of the inebriated contestants would topple from the camouflage-covered pool table, as they danced about to mid-'70s disco with their trousers hobbling their knees.

Mercifully, the contestant list was brief, and after a short respite, the owner announced, much to my horror, that the three judges would be performing a taste-test to break the trio tie, which I had jokingly suggested backstage as we tallied our votes and made our decision.

The two other judges preceded me, taking turns on their contestant with dairy whipped topping enthusiastically supplied by the bar staff. Both were pleased with their contestants, as they wiped their chops. Then it was my turn.

Up on stage popped the contestant who I viewed as the skankiest, a man who unfortunately resembled myself as a teenager, with bad hair and a worse outfit. There was no way I was going to ruin my lip-line for that.

As he froze on the platform, equally as horrified by me as I was by him, I drew a large square on the table with the aerosol cream, and motioned for him to stand in it. I climbed behind him, my mind blurred with schemes which would gracefully allow decline, as I sprayed excess off to the side.

Much to my good fortune, as I approached him the can suddenly went dead, running out of steam. "Sorry, out of whipped cream," I announced into the microphone, stepping down from the stage to collect my beer and shudder in the shadows. Thank goodness for happy endings.

Write Stuff...

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Ann Landers.

A man writes worrying that his son's proclivity—which the boy's mother, a psychologist, encourages—is "clearly abnormal...sick behavior." Showing a modicum of decency, the man does not tell the world how his son's—er, daughter's?—panties smell.

Ann's mellow, as usual: "Your son's interest in wearing women's lingerie is pretty kinky, but he is not going to stop because his dad doesn't approve of it." She adds that "counseling...might... help him deal more successfully with a world that does not view his behavior as normal." Cheerfully, she concludes: "Good luck."

Sisters...

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tandem"—for a while.

Regardless of who dreamed up the idea that has made the past couple of Halloweens such a success, the question of the moment remains: Why can't SPI, Inc., and CUAV work together on this?

Larry Brinkin, a Human Rights Commission staff member familiar with the situation, says the conflict is rooted in history and differing organizational goals. He says that for the past 30 or so years, Halloween has been seen primarily as a drag event for drag queens, and others; hence, the Sisters' heavy involvement. Yet in recent years a spate of violent queer-bashings has necessitated CUAV's protective involvement, coordinated with the police.

But there is more to it than meets the eye, says Brinkin. "Besides the fact it is the Sisters vs. CUAV, it is also [between] a group that sees itself as a production organization in terms of the event, and an organization that sees itself as an organization to provide logistical leadership. Those are two different interests. And that is part of the difference between the two organizations. Both things are needed for Halloween: We need a produced event and a safe event. I would like to see the two organizations creatively come up with a plan so that both could provide the leadership they are capable of."

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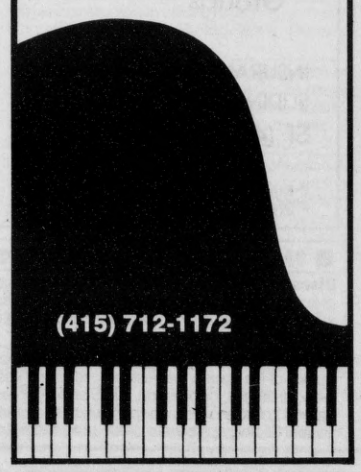

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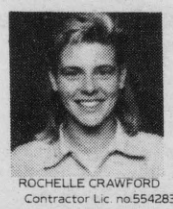

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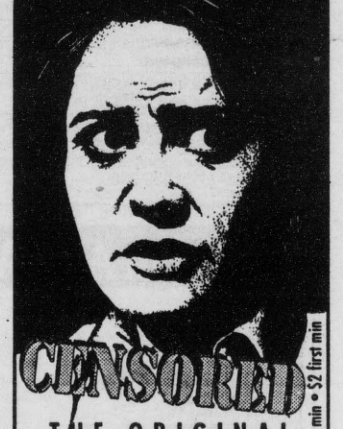

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28 y.o. looking for friendships that could possibly lead to more! If you are between 26 and 34, fun, adventurous, spontaneous, have a great sense of humor—keep reading. If you enjoy soul-searching conversations as well as general BS—are into hiking and rafting as well as movies and plays, we could be great friends. If you're not into games or roles, we could be more!! Interested?? I'd love to hear from you. Reply BT Box AP13A or call ★★7048.

Marin Women
... where are you??? I see you at Living Foods, etc.—we check each other out, but how can we connect? I'm needing some new friends for dancing, dining, camping, skiing, bicycling, motorcycling, movies, good, direct, honest conversation, and especially laughter. How about trying parachuting or bungie jumping with me? I'll try your adventures too! I'll cross bridges for reliable friends in other Bay areas, also. Come laugh with me! Reply BT Box AP14A or call ★★7049.

Rapidly Evolving
35 y.o. lesbian with cute dog ready to date (for lack of a better word). Marriage is not a current goal. I like to laugh, and make others laugh, and am adventurous, honest and reliable. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, hot tubbing, animals, San Francisco and more. Photo appreciated, not cigs., victims, or women requiring a dozen sherpas to get their emotional baggage up a hill. Reply BT Box AP15A.

Cleaning House
GWF, 31, losing weight, fat, shy, taking charge of my life for the first time. Beginner with ACA, searching for my higher power, seeking friendships with others with similar interests and life challenges. Interests include walking in 5k's Stephen King, Anne Rice, John Bradshaw, walks on the beach, cats, horses, photography, intimate talks. Just left a relationship and am currently not seeking a sexual relationship, cuddling and hugs are allowed, willing to let fate take its course if I am lucky enough to meet the right woman. Call ★★7050.

Make Me Cry
I'm a cute, tall, fat bottom girl who wants a big bad butch top to bend over for. I need a skilled, compassionate sadist with a creative, perverse mind who loves to make big girls tremble. I'm experienced, but I can still blush. Let's pretend I'm a 15-year-old virgin and you're a lecherous priest ready to hear my confessions of impure thoughts. What's your favorite sin? Reply BT Box AP16A or call ★★7051.

Scared Y'all Last Time...
but I'll try again. Pansexual with dyke rising, multiple personality (the fun psychosis) dreadlocked Kali-worshipper deadicated anarchist, mother, and generally crazy wench seeks womyn to put/keep up with me. Habits: smoking various herbs, heavy transcendental S/M, Rocky Horror polyfidelity, and giving tourists reasons to cross the street and take pictures for the folks at home; "Look Mabel! It's one of them freaks we heard about!" Reply BT Box AP17A or call ★★7052.

It's Spring!
Can you feel it too? I'm a young lesbian film student into fun, friendship and other springtime activities. Would you like to meet down-to-earth dykes who have respect for youth or are young themselves, are active, creative, and independent? Be goofy too, and know how to laugh. Women who play acoustic guitar are wonderful, I think. Call ★★7053.

"Untitled"
Big, beautiful Filipina dyke photographer in late 20s seeks other Filipinas for friendship and support, as well as anyone else who is openhearted and interesting. Artists/dreamers welcome. Call ★★7054.

Lead Me!
I work too hard and lead too much by day. I adore androgynous and butch women (soft or otherwise), and I'm looking to throw my neck back, laugh and follow you on the dance floor. Friends describe me as intense, independent and femme (androgynous?). You are 30–40 and would get a thrill from teaching me to two-step or learning with me. Smoking, drinking and drugs bore me. But if you're energetic, smart, painfully honest, self-conscious but not self-absorbed, passionate about justice and believe that laughter is food for the soul, maybe we'll do more than dance. Reply BT Box AP18A or call ★★7055.

A Romp In The Hay—Or A Journey
Brown-haired, blue-eyed, Sagittarian, Southern lesbian, 26, kinda shy but not painfully so, softhearted, real, unemployed, ecologically conscious, light drinker, no drugs, light smoker, seeks intelligent, open-minded, progressive, sexy, high-energy woman. Am interested in possible long-term relationship with the right match. Please no heavy drinkers, druggies, or glamour fascists. Enjoy hiking, swimming, dancing, music, multicultural events, free plays, people watching, reading, sleeping, laughing, travel. Reply BT Box AP19A or call ★★7056.

Mouse Trap
Beautiful T.S. dominate seeks to play cat and mouse. You be the mouse to my cat. Petite Black women most preferred though face not as important as an open mind. If the cheese looks good go ahead take a bite. Reply BT Box AP20A.

New to SF
Attractive, Jewish, late 30s, intense but playful educated professional, pianist, feminist looking for women (friendships first, maybe more?) in my new hometown, who would enjoy schmoozing, sharing emotions and experiences, exploring SF. You'll find me gentle, compassionate, honest, imperfect and with a wild (but not particularly sarcastic) sense of humor. Please no smokers, drug users, heavy alcohol. Parenthood, dog lovers a plus. Letters describing your internal self encouraged. Reply BT Box AP21A.

Let's Laugh!
GWF, 29, Taurus, very goal oriented and spiritual, seeks women of like mind and humor. Women who like gay humor, metaphysical jokes, nonracist humor, funny greeting cards, Whoopi Goldberg, and the Bay Times Personals. Women who like day trips to fun places, fun stores and fun pubs. Can we change the world and still remember to have fun? NS/ND, light alcohol is great—Advil users OK. Send funny cards with personal info to PO Box 755, Cotati 94931-0755.

Touch My Nerve
30-year-old femme tomboy seeks mature woman of my own age or up to share unlimited pleasures with. I do believe in long-term monogamous relationships, but I also do know that it takes compatibility, time and patience between the two of us to reach that higher level. I will give you some facts about myself and hope that you will recognize some or most of them: very cute, blue eyes and blond hair, ambitious, financially independent, intelligent, fabulous lover, loyal friend, funny, honest and constantly working on my personal growth—in all modesty... Favorite activities: anything adventurous in nature (please read between the lines). Get dressed for a nice dinner—any food goes. Sports include racquetball, swimming, skiing, but I am athletic and you can talk me into anything. Laugh and cry at the movies, long slow dances and kisses are fundamental for romance, but together we can be creative without limits. Where do I want to be in ten years? Sucking oysters in the sunset after a long day on the beach with you and your dogs. I would love to get a letter from you who feel excited by now, or you can leave a message and I will get right back to you. Reply BT Box AP22A or call ★★7057.

Mostly Veggietarian
Goddess, forthright, young 50, tall, kind, survivor, generous nature, gentle creative lover, love power of holistic health, animal/human rights, breezes, grass, high energy, laughter. You somewhat similar, giver in bed, good communicator, somewhat sane, in touch, gentle, caring, special. Reply BT Box AP23A or call ★★7058.

Good Time Goddess
I'm looking for self-aware, honest, communicative, growth-oriented women with healthy boundaries for dating, fun, silliness, cuddling, palling around, camping, dancing and eventually, hot sex. I need a balance between steamy passion and emotional safety. You should be emotionally available, heart centered, risk taker. I'm: aggressive femme, fleshy, voluptuous, forty-ish, eccentric, steam heated (fire and water), sensual, witty, pagan, artistic, Oaklander. Prefer former Midwesterners/Easterners. Open to all sizes, ethnicities, species (love bearish or felinesque people). Reply BT Box AP24A or call ★★7059.

Where'd You Go?
After the Cinderella Classic? We rode the last 5 miles together and then you disappeared while I was on the massage table. I was hoping we might at least ride together again. And so, in true Cinderella fashion, I seek you this way. Hoping you call—Red Trek. Call ★★7061.

Are You My New Friend?
I spent years healing and learning to love myself. It made me very strong and allowed me to be open and in the present (well, mostly). I am an artist, craftswoman and my work is exciting and grounding for me. I love to be out in nature. Hiking and birding are a "must" for me. I'm looking for a friend 35-45, playful, spirited, who knows herself and asks for what she wants. Is that you? Reply BT Box AP25A or call ★★7060.

Am I The Only One...
that lives north of the Golden Gate, is responsible, pretty, fun and enjoys the finer things that life can bring? This 30-year-old professional enjoys dancing, water and snow skiing, reading, dining in and out, weekend getaways, fine wines and roaring fires to snuggle up to. If you think you can fit into my lifestyle, give me a call and we can chat for awhile. Reply BT Box AP26A or call ★★7062.

"We Met At Club Q"
We met shooting pool at Club Q on March 20. You hadn't played for a year and a half but were great anyway. You said that I have the same name as the woman who helped you become such a good shot. I wanted to ask for your phone number, but you left with two friends while I was still gathering my courage. Would you like to have coffee sometime? Call ★★7063.

Things That Still Make You Go Hmmm...!?
Cute, creative, independent, down-to-earth, petite, teacher (28) seeks interesting, healthy, nonsmoker (25–35) to explore the wonders of life, laughter and intimacy. Let's go dancin', camping or to live performances. Let's have breakfast at that "great little cafe" and share creative thoughts/ideas, or enjoy romantic dinners and revel in each other's dreams/desires. Hmm... Yeah... write BT Box AP27A or call ★★7064.

Let Me Get To Know You!
I'm 35, cute, fun, creative, love art and music, and have a great sense of humor. You are between 25 and 40, intelligent, self-confident, and able to be spontaneous as well as intimate. Honesty and emotional maturity are important. Please, no heavy smokers. Reply BT Box AP29A or call ★★7065.

Visual Artist
Looking for someone to appreciate some of my finer Southern points of interest—spicy sweet, shy, strong, energetic, easygoing, honest, good natured to downright fun with a slight accent to boot. If you love life, the wind, sand and stars, unexplored territories, being teased you howl and long slow rides—well let's just say this lonesome coyote likes to run till she can fly. Warning: extremely boyish, 5'8", athletic and part Native. Reply BT Box AP30A or call ★★7066.

Many Possibilities Here
Looking for honest, spiritual, fun-loving, sensuous, sexy, feminine women who: love nature, and music, to be active, to dance, hike, bike, swim, work out, are interested in different cultures; to share these, and/or other activities, for possible platonic friendships, or sensual/romantic/or erotic friendships, or more? I am: affectionate, love to laugh, to dance (especially salsa!), very sensuous, single, thoughtful, creative, attractive. Reply BT Box AP31A or call ★★7067.

Part Cynic, Part Pollyanna
Part grouch, part nice, shy, fun-loving person seeks reasonably sane and fun lesbians with which to run up my phone bill and maybe meet for coffee, a movie or a hike? I'm in my mid-30's, live on the Peninsula and enjoy meeting and getting to know people. If romance beckons, so much the better (but I'm not holding my breath!) If you're in your mid-20's to early 40's, nonsmoking, possess a lively sense of humor and the courage to answer an ad, give me a call! Reply BT Box AP32A or call ★★7068.

Dispassionately Reaching Conclusions
Scary positivist intellectual seeking tenure-track iconoclast to enter the dialectical exchange of ideas while decrying the mediocrity of mass education. I spend most of my free time engaged in the ongoing debate between structure and agency. You should enjoy sneering at uninformed opinions and superficial social analyses. Please be in the habit of referencing your main arguments. Recondite academics welcome, but not dead languages, relativists, or Ayn Rand fans need respond. Interested? Sorry, I find the whole idea derivative. Reply BT Box AP33A.

Bi
BISEXUAL

East Bay Fun
Handsome, masculine light Black male, 6'2",

SF Bay Times is Now Biweekly!! Next Personals Deadline Apr. 17.

Dykes To Watch Out For

Alone at Last!
GINGER ANXIOUSLY AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF HER AIRBORNE AMOROSA!
GATE 14
GATE 14
BEEP BEEP BEEP
PREPARATION H
PLOTA LEND'S IN POLL!
ARF! ARF ARF!
WHOA! IT'S GINGER AND HER LONG-DISTANCE BABE! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! COME ON IN!
UM... THIS IS MY DOG, DIGGER. AND THESE ARE MY ROOMMATES.
ALL OF THEM?
NO, NO, JUST ME AND SPARROW OVER THERE ON THE PHONE. I'M LOIS AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS MO AND YOSHI.
HI, NICE TO MEET YOU! GINGER'S MY LIT. PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY. SHE'S FAB!
HEY, MALIKA! I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!
NICE CATCH, MS. BRYAN!
OK... I GOTTA GO. TALK TO YOU LATER.
WOOF!
MALIKA! WELCOME!
LISTEN, DON'T WORRY. WE'RE GOING DOWNTOWN TO PROTEST THE LATEST CRAZED LESBIAN PSYCHO-KILLER FLICK. ARE YOU READY, SPARROW?
I'M NOT GOING! MY FAVORITE STAR TREK EPISODE IS ON TONIGHT, WHERE SPOCK GETS SPRAYED WITH ALIEN SPORES THAT MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE!
THEY'LL TAPE IT. COME ON.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
ENJOY YOUR VISIT!
SLAM!

200 lbs., young 45, well educated, professional, humorous, trustworthy, dependable, discreet, seeks 25–45 yrs. Asian, African-American or Hispanic friend for travel, conversations, movies, dining out or in, exploring and hot safe fun. Nonsmokers only. Reply BT Box AP300A or call ★★7120.

Don't Fence Me In
Handsome, gym-toned 6'2" Tall American Bi Cowboy seeks adventurous bi fem with harness to ride the 'sigh' country on rainy afternoons — or not. Let's get lost in a champagne mist and probe the interstellar mysteries of the Big 'O'. After all, what is life without dreams? This sweet boy is safe at any speed. Reply: 5337 College Ave., Suite 447, Oakland 94618 or call ★★7121.

Dear Adventurer:
I windsurf, ski, snowboard, sail, adventure travel, and more. I have brains, looks, an enthusiastic attitude toward life, and a driven fascination with this wonderful world. I'm searching for a guy into such activities, especially windsurfing, and like myself, into both sexes. Are you frustrated that others like us are hard to find in the way-too-overtly-hetero world of action and adventure? Strength a must, both physical and psychological, and one who finds friends are first and foremost. Reply BT Box AP301A or call ★★7122.

Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★7128.

Let's Sleep Under The Stars!
Walk among trees, ski across glaciers, swim lakes, climb granite! I'm a wilderness lover with intellect and enthusiasm for arts, theater, music and literature. I'm creative, funny, sensitive, attractive and athletic. An NPR bi-guy with biceps. A shy nudist. A young 40-year-old. A scientific and skeptical sentimentalist. I adore hairy and muscular women. If you seek growth, romance and adventure, call or write. Reply BT Box AP302A or call ★★7123.

Unusual
Very smart and good-looking GWM (blond, blue-eyed, 6'1", 180 lbs.), German, grad. stud. and prof., straight acting, is looking for a very attractive straight/bi/lesbian woman for unusual kind of relationship. Call ★★7124.

HIV- Hot Mouth
BiWM, 57, 6', 165 lbs., beard, tatts, masc., exclusively oral, seeks M/F couple, separately and together, to contribute oral ecstasy to their intimate hours. Wide-open single women (bi dykes welcome) into multiple orgasms serviced. Kink scenes (you're top) a +. Any age, race, looks. Box 302, 1117 Geary Blvd., SF 94109 or call ★★7125.

Sweet Submissive Sought
Beginning dominatrix seeks bisexual submissives of either sex, under 35, with which to get some hands-on experience. I'm just learning the ropes, so to speak, so you need to be patient and have a sense of humor. I like gender fuck, cross dressing, verbal abuse, and playing with power. Your desires will be heard and considered, but in the end we play my way. No fatophobes! But trust me, I'm not ugly either. Reply BT Box AP303A or call ★★7126.

Friend-ships On The Tao-streams of Now
I'm a quietly-sensing-feeling type of guy. My life-path and predilections embrace a natural healthy life of simplicity, sense-awareness/"mindfulness," presence, innocence, silence and solitude; Tai Chi, "Zen," meditation, free-drawing, learning (growth, psychology, health, etc.), nightly "contemplative" walks, spontaneity and serendipity. I'm a Cuban-born "free-spirit" artist, masseur, "househusband" (in open marriage), 39, thin, tall, dark-haired. With others, I'm generally gentle, receptive, open, more nonverbal than verbal, supportive, accepting, nondemanding and independent... also playful and "nutty" at times. If your life-path is parallel to mine, let's correspond, talk and perhaps develop a present-centered "free-form" friendship (infrequent get-togethers OK). Cuddling and sensuality possible (but not required). Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7127.

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Please Note
The Shared Interest ads are part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients, or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

She Captain
Steer this "able body" bodyworker (experienced ship's masseuse for luxury liner) toward a light to nondrinking, nonsmoking, mild-mannered (woman?) skipper and crew for cruising and racing in and around the Bay Area to start. 'Tho I have deck time and Coast Guard Boats/Sailing Safety Certifications, I'm not into bright work. Will do my share towing lines, giving rubs and boat sitting instead. Reply BT Box AP600A or call ★★7141.

Idgie Threadgoode Society (ITS)
Do you like to stay out late at night, drink (or not), tell a tall tale, smoke (or not), roll up your shirt sleeves and carouse in the spirit of a hell-raising good time with like-minded comrades? If so, then "ITS" is the group of gals for you. We meet twice a month. Bring your pennies and nickels for a serious game of poker. Send us your name and address and we'll send you info. Reply BT Box AP601A.

Hell's Hairdressers
is a loosely organized group of guys who like motorcycles (almost) as much as we like other guys. We have two rides coming up; a day ride through the Santa Cruz mountains on Saturday March 21st, and a 5-day weekend trip to join the fun in Palm Springs over Easter. For more information write to P.O. Box 2921, Stanford 94309 or call ★★7142.

Men Knitters
New group *(SF Cable Stitchers)* forming to meet biweekly. Let's get together to knit, chew the fat, exchange ideas and make plans to start a men's design collective. For info. call ★★7143.

Exhibitionists
30 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 150 lbs., br/bl, very muscular, attractive, 29" waist, 40" chest, seeks select group of bi or GWMs under 40 for J/O group. Must work out. Like to show off. No beards. Send description/photo (returnable) if possible or call. Reply BT Box AP602A or call ★★7144.

L.I.P.S. Lesbian Installation Projects
Lesbian artists! Join us for our next nonprofit project. Ongoing workshops. Fort Mason studio space. Eat, drink, be creative. Next meeting, April 26th. No fees for workshop. Call ★★7145.

Dyke Gang Seeks New Recruits
Let's rove, dance, cruise, laugh and play together. Bright women with an interest in creativity, motorcycles, and leather are especially welcome (don't let the mention of leather scare you...) I'm 28, multidimensional, and energetic. Let's hang out with the girlz, check out new clubs, and share ideas. I don't care if you have a girlfriend or not, however an adventurous attitude toward life is a must. Reply BT Box AP603A or call ★★7146.

One Good Two-Steppin' Woman
looking for other lesbians to enjoy country/western dancing. I'm intermediate, lead and follow and want to get better at both. I like two-step, swing, shuffle, waltz and line dances. Prefer nonsmoker/nondrinker. Call now and let's dance! Reply BT Box AP604A or call ★★7147.

Massage
Attractive, European, sensuous guy, 34, 6', with blue eyes, brown hair, masculine healthy body, HIV-, hairy legs, being uncut, cleanshaven, well-exercised and trained in full-body massage, seeks to share sensuous massage with handsome, well-toned, professional masseur or other guy with some bodywork experience, SF and East Bay. Let's share healing energy and more with great hands and pleasure! Call ★★7148.

Racquetball Anyone?
I'm looking for an intermediate 'B' player for regular games. Want to play at least twice a week and work out afterwards. Am considering joining the Embarcadero Y. I'm 31, in fairly good shape, nondrinker/nonsmoker. SF play only. Call ★★7149.

Dylan Fans
Okay, one more chance. Do you or don't you want to form a "Dykes and Fags Who Love Dylan" contigent for the Parade? Sure you can see Dylan at the Warfield, but why not be him, or any of his characters, for a day. Don't make me feel so alone/Everyone must use their phone. Call ★★7150 or reply BT Box AP605A or write PO Box 18, Berkeley 94701.

I Believe
Thank you, St. Jude, for prayers answered.

Ecology Of Right Livelihood
Interested in discussing right livelihood from spiritual, ecological, political viewpoints. Process and support networking—group? Reply BT Box AP606A or call ★★7151.

Mandarin Speakers
Seeking native Mandarin speaker with Beijing accent to practice Chinese with. I am a native English speaker and am already fluent in Mandarin. However, my current work does not require Chinese, and my skills are rapidly slipping! Reply BT Box AP607A or call ★★7152.

The Arts Of Japan
From fine to folk to furniture—let's get together to enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese artistry. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, tea, ikebana, wood, bamboo, textiles, lacquer, metal, stone, paper, ink, architecture, gardens, poetry, literature, theater, cinema, martial arts. Group forming to visit galleries, museums, exhibitions, share collection information, go to the movies! For further information please call ★★7153.

Jewish Lesbian Reading Group
Seeking other lesbians interested in reading books—fiction and nonfiction—on being Jewish and lesbian. I hope that the readings and discussion will focus on how this identity affects and creates our political, personal and/or spiritual lives. Write or call if interested. Reply BT Box AP608A or call ★★7154.

Seeking Co-Parent Or Known Donor?
We are a new group of lesbians and gay men who wish to be involved in a co-parenting or known-donor situation. We meet on the second Sunday of the month for a potluck and discussion, and, hopefully, meeting the person (people) that we seek. Call ★★7155.

Siabo Party
"Single Lesbians and Bisexuals Only" invited to welcome spring and all the livelihood that follows, in a party given in celebration of our singleness (fun way to meet other eligibles). Women of color especially encouraged, as well as feminist identified. This monthly event is now open again to new singles. Find a new partner, in time for GAY DAY (PARADE)! Call for more info. Reply BT Box AP609A or call ★★7156.

Isolationist Needs Another
For once, to learn to surf with. Just you and me and those grim grey lines who beckon and deny us like a religion. You should be in fair shape, or have an indomitable will to live, and gills. And wheels. I have two boards and wet suits are up the hill. Let us divvy up the sublime-panic, the brutal-glory, the pound-pounding pound-pounding. Reply BT Box AP610A.

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Unusual GWM
This GWM prefers Mendocino to Palm Springs, quiet to clamor, lycra to leather, reading to TV and sweetness to machismo. I'm seeking a cleanshaven, drug-free, 20s/30s GWM for friendship and a possible relationship. I'm bright, soft-spoken, muscular (5'10", 180 lbs.) and boyish 36. PO Box 190042, SF 94119 or call ★★7166.

Looking For Mr. Perfect—Not!
GWM, 35, 5'8", 150#, br/bl, naturally physically fit, N/S, N/D, w/thinning hair, HIV-, kind, smart, original, intuitive, romantic, nice eyes that have seen the world. Love baseball, wilderness, cities, animals, fireplace nights, hard work, goals, good people 0-100, communication, family, social issues, can fly planes, kissing, reading in bed. Worked the stock market, landed in restaurants, talk on radio, hand build a house, grow a rose, amazed w/live theatre, close dancing, and feel the world's suffering. Will settle for nothing less than a modestly intelligent GM that knows his heart and can feel the ground beneath. Mid-20's to mid-'30s, confident but humble, kind, loving, uncompromised, attractive but not gorgeous, cute but doesn't think so, boy-next-door normal of the human race (not a particular race). Someone who can fit a pair of jeans like Levi intended or maybe a tuxedo. I like an average, eye-to-eye, firm but not overbuilt guy with a nice, kind face and pleasing eyes. To whom commitment and monogamy aren't dirty words and independence is time, not mind. If you want to laugh, read in the shade, play in the sun, work in the world, give to someone and get it back, build a fortune and give it away, make nerve-ending life together minus the hang-ups but respectfully personal, than this opinionated, passionate, relaxed, sometimes quiet—sometimes not, strong-minded, been-in-love, want-it-again guy needs you to catch up! I know you're out there. I'm cautious, somewhat selective, not perfect and don't want to be. Sometimes a nice derriere catches my eye, but the heart gets mine. My taste varies, my music does too. So if you haven't slept with every opportunity because sex without love is mechanical, then write and send a photo. I'll do the same and don't sweat the small stuff—go ahead. Mature hairline a plus (you decide the importance). PO Box 750455, Petaluma 94975 or call ★★7167.

Gay Asian Student
GAM, 5'4", 27 y.o., 125 lbs., seeks man 18-35 for friendship. I am looking for someone who is honest, sincere, easygoing, goal-oriented and fun-loving man to cultivate that special friendship. I enjoy cooking, dining out or just to go out and have fun. If interested, please write to Mr. "T," PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★7168.

Asian Sex Friend
Handsome GWM, 42, seeks Asian friend for hot playful times together. Any age OK. I'm professional, interesting, friendly and kind. HIV-, 6', 205 lbs. and bald. In addition to sex and cuddling I also enjoy cultural and outdoor activities. I look forward to meeting you. or Reply BT Box AP70A or call ★★7169.

Wouldn't It Be Nice
to meet another man who is also masculine, open, romantic, affectionate, fun to be with and emotionally available? I'm bright, articulate, creative, good-looking and professional. I'm in my mid 40s, fit/trim/healthy (5'11", 170 lbs.), blnd/blu, beard. I'm successful, caring and have a good balance of seriousness and playfulness. We're both honest, affectionate, clean and sober, and interested in building a loving relationship based upon trust, respect, shared goals and open communication. We've both worked hard to understand ourselves, we're in touch with our feelings and we both enjoy dealing with the difficult issues that come up in an intimate relationship. My interests include my home (gardening, reading, "nesting" projects), travel, long walks, weekends in the country, antique shops/flea markets, volunteer work and my own company as well as the company of a good man. You're mid 30s to late 40s, a bit shy, fit and trim, attractive, bright and willing to make a commitment. Together we'd make a great team ... wouldn't it be nice! Phone and photo please. Reply BT Box AP71A or call ★★7170.

The Marry'n Kind
GWM, 46, 5'10", 160, HIV-. Reliable, good sense of humor, pragmatic liberal, slightly shy, incurably honest, nautilus body, regrettably a smoker. Enjoys doing home improvement projects, 103.7 FM, gym workouts, movies, dining out, racquetball, and concerts. Pretty much top or bottom vanilla sex, but actually plays off of partner's needs, has tit ring, wants tattoo, loves to kiss and cuddle. Desires meaningful, fun, long-term relationship. Preferences: gentle GAM or GWM, between 30-40, HIV-, but that's not exclusionary criteria, pleasant appearance, medium to light build, employed and non-drug user. Write and we'll meet over coffee, tea or etc. Reply BT Box AP72A.

First Mate
Sought by experienced skipper for bay and ocean sailing plus occasional overnights. Captain is 6' tall, 165 lbs., attractive, grey-bearded and fit. You should be a nonsmoker and HIV-. Some experience on the water would be helpful, but not necessary. Disobedient sailors may land in the brig. Come shiver my timbers! Reply BT Box AP73A or call ★★7171.

Life Together
Cute GWM, 20, 125 lbs., 5'10", brown/green, mature, sincere, loving, caring, affectionate, fun, Christian, nonsmoker. Interests include all types of music, camping, hiking, deep conversations, movies, dancing, travel, plays, computers and more. Seeking slender GWM 16-23 who's same/similar for life-mate. Good friendship first, that will develop into close, warm, long-lasting relationship. If you're shy, inexperienced, or not out, great! Give me a try! Send detailed letter/photo from anywhere to D., PO Box 21462, El Sobrante 94820-1462 or call ★★7172.

Boyishly Handsome
Reddish brown hair, dk blue eyes, 5'10", 140 lbs., 37, U/C and sexy. Many interests include music, dancing, restaurants, the arts, movies and romantic time together. You are 20s–30s, lean/slender, 5'8"–6'2", good-looking, fairly smooth, HIV-, oral/versatile and fun loving. Reply BT Box AP74A or call ★★7173.

Spirited Renegade Wanted
If you have a passion for business as well as a passion for passion, this multifaceted GWM, 45, HIV-, professional, 5'10", 165 lbs., nonsmoker, wants to meet you! Looking for goofy idealist to explore safe sex and long-term romantic possibilities. Special consideration for 2-step'n dancing fools, skiers, white water kayakers, entrepreneurial risk takers who value: honesty/integrity; hard work; open communication. Your favorite photo appreciated (not necessarily of you). Reply BT Box AP75A or call ★★7174.

Drink Life To Its Fullest...
...Through willingness to take risks, especially emotional ones. Not just futile fantasies of the great and heavenly love that will come your way one day... but be willing to do something about it. Open up, be vulnerable and strong, sensitive and yet grounded and deep. At times funny and shallow. Be able to embrace life with its opposites: pain and joy, beauty and boredom, the ups and downs. Be willing to tell me what you really feel, even if it's tough, and to hear my side too. Be sensual, playful and sensitive to the need to be serious and responsible at times. Our time together is wonderful, but the need for space and independence is also important. Respect my wounds and I'll help you heal yours. Be ready to grow through our relationship. I'll be by your side. I promise! I'm 38 y.o., 5'8", N/S, N/D. Young look, great shape (physically, emotionally, spiritually). Very good-looking, warm, intense, spontaneous and capable of all of the above. Are you?! Take the risk, I'm open to communicate, wholeheartedly and without judgment. Calls OK, letters preferred. Writing may be an easier and "safer" way for a start: PO Box 616, Palo Alto 94302 or call ★★7175.

Hockey Nut
Yes, I am a real hockey fanatic. I love to watch and play the sport. I am a Midwestern attractive GWM, 25, 6'3", 195 lbs., br/br, and HIV-. I enjoy sports, socializing with friends, wine, cooking and a great dinner, and spending time with my dog. If you can relate to this, and are an attractive, straight-acting GWM in your late 20s to early 30s, then give it a shot. Call ★★7176.

Husband Material
Southern GWM, 33, 5'11", br/br, 195 lbs., HIV-, attractive, masculine, witty, enjoys cooking, wine tasting, Northern Exposure, socializing with friends, my roommate's dog, music (Aretha Franklin, Bonnie Raitt) and college basketball (go Tar Heels). Looking for a GWM with his head on straight between 30-38 with similar interests to laugh at life with. Ultimately, your personality determines how attractive I find you, but generally I'm attracted to men with similar stats as mine. A big nose is a big plus, but not required. Occasional snuggling is. If all of the above sounds interesting, give a call. Call ★★7177.

A Good Man...
is hard to find? Well, I've been told I'm one of the most considerate, caring, down-to-earth (and eligible) persons around. Throw in handsome, romantic, passionate, secure, supportive, and you are beginning to describe this young-looking, 42 y.o., 6'1", 195 lb. professional. I swim, run, and work out and it shows. I enjoy a quiet home life (I own mine) snuggling by the fire, but I also enjoy dancing and doing the town, and travel. I am seeking to meet an unattached relationship-oriented, 35–45 y.o., similar Caucasian male. You should be very attractive with a nice build, dark, have a beard and/or mustache, no piercings, like to 2-step and/or disco, be HIV-, a nonsmoker, and warm and extremely affectionate as I am. Tired of all the superficiality and want to connect with a truly decent, quality man, please write. Enclose spare photo. Reply BT Box AP76A.

Let's JO Together
Younger white or Latin wanted for JO, poss. ritnshp. Uncut, big balls, grn eyes, Irish a+ by sincere GWM, 45 y.o., 5'11", 200 lbs., uncut, hairy, balding. I offer you respect, trust, strength, passion, sweetness, and a little silliness. Call ★★7178.

My Fantasy
My slim, smooth body encased in lingerie. Your hard masculine member throbbing inside my eager bottom. I am a mature bisexual looking for regular pleasure. I like to please my lover. Call ★★7179.

Rice And Potatoes
Very handsome, GWM, 30, blond, blue-eyed, quick witted, irreverent, cynical, yet hopelessly romantic, seeks exceptional Asian soulmate. My hobbies include music, swimming, travel, good food, foreign languages, safe sex, and the great outdoors. I stand 6'2", carry 160 lean, well-defined pounds, and have a cute ass and gorgeous cock. You should be smooth, solidly built, considerate, open-minded, near my age, top or versatile, erotic, passionate, and truly ready for a companion on life's lonely highway. Reply BT Box AP77A or call ★★7180.

Spring Fever
Let's frolic! Educated, fit GWM, 28, blond/blue, 6', 180 lbs., seeks a similar playmate for springtime adventures. I may be the medicine for Spring Fever you've been looking for. Reply BT Box AP78A or call ★★7181.

Spanking Stepdad Wanted
Sincere, WM, youthful, 42, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-, seeks warm-hearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit, attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with no sex! In letter please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Snuggle Buddies Wanted
Seeking ongoing physical and emotional relationships based primarily on intimacy, companionship, and spiritual bonding. Me: 41, 6'4", 235 lbs., green eyes, brown hair, trim graying beard, moustache, furry chest, healthy, versatile

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with GrA leanings. You: 34–48, over 5′10″, reasonably fit, bearded, nonsmoker, drug-free. Interests include singing, music and concerts, two-stepping, movies and theater, exploring The City on foot, architecture, weekend jaunts, and fine food. Write with recent photo (returnable) to PO Box 460220 San Francisco 94146-0220 or call ★★7182.

Great Expectations

Attractive, fit and healthy GWM (young looking) 45, wants to add romance and relationship to a well-balanced life; friends, pets, arts, community work and travel are enhanced when shared with someone special; attracted to men under 35, lean to muscular build, who like passionate kissing, j/o, cuddling, etc; you're honest, creative and independent yet need a supportive and nurturing environment; mentoring... yes, "daddy"... no; "out"... yes, barflys/trendies... no; your antibody status... unimportant, accepting of my HIV+... important; answer with pic (if possible) to PO Box 626, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★7183.

Strict And Loving Dad

Good-looking GWM dad, professional, 51, 6 ft., 185, HIV-, hung, wants to date boy-men, 30-45, for possible permanent relationship. I desire a son into light to moderate S/M, being spanked, kissing, cuddling and servicing his dad. Jockey shorts and leather jackets are turn-ons. Would also want to share hiking, traveling, cultural events, etc., and to build a solid loving relationship. I'm interesting, caring, warm, strong, romantic, without drug or alcohol problems, and seek similar qualities. Reply with photo and phone to BT Box AP79A.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

A Likeable Guy

Interests include bicycling, gardening, food, the future of multimedia, opera, KITS radio, Miss Manners, rude humor, the movies, and a committed relationship (but not necessarily with whoever answers this ad). I am a 39-year-old technical writer. You are probably 35 to 45 years old and share some of the above interests. No Republicans or poodle owners, please. Boxholder, 5856 College Ave., #214, Oakland 94618 or call ★★7184.

HIV+

WM, 44, tired of being without special HIV+ buddy. I seek an average-looking guy who feels the need to connect. My needs: you are very hairy, preferably bearded, definitely short-haired or (better) bald(ing), comfortable on Folsom (or at least the "old" Folsom; remember the Ambush?), into intense safe butt play (yours, mine, both), moderate in vices, like it stronger than "vanilla," and non-colognied. Me: 6′, 180, smooth. Call—let's talk. Call ★★7185.

Me And You

Me: 27 y.o. GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5′7″, 140 lbs., cute face, big dick, top. Looking for friendship and hot, safe sex, not a relationship. Interests include movies, history, travel, science fiction. You: any race, also HIV- and nonsmoker, age 22-35, bottom, friendly and outgoing. Gay-acting and -appearing welcome. Photo (a must) and letter please to: 537 Jones St., #1623, SF 94102 or call ★★7186.

Hibernating Bear

WM, 46, hairy, beefy bear is looking to meet a short, husky, bear cub to stay inside and play with. I'm masculine, sincere, fun-loving, sexually versatile. Please send photo if poss. and phone #. PO Box 1714, Daly City 94014 or call ★★7187.

Strong and Sturdy

Strong and sturdy country guy, 34, 5′11″, 185, wanting a good, true man to share adventures with. All races, foreign tongues, and sizes. I want to travel the world over; taking it all in, hoping you want the same. Painter, waiter, massage therapist... Your letter and photo gets mine. PO Box 442, Mendocino 95460 or call ★★7188.

Daddy's Boy Wanted

Daddy is GWM, 48, 5′7″, 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to clean-cut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★7189.

Take A Chance

Masculine, mature, HIV-, GWM, professional, sometimes described as a "teddy bear," seeks affectionate, possibly submissive friend, any race. We don't smoke or use drugs, use little to no alcohol, and are both emotionally and financially stable. We like to touch and cuddle, and are down-to-earth, but sometimes "earthy," too. Nice if you can smile. Shy OK. Call ★★7190.

Socially Top/Sexually Bottom

Good-looking, masc. GWM/37/6′2″/185#/br/br/beard. Slim/muscular, good sense of humor, looking for hot sex (you top) and good times. Age, race are not important. Quality is. Write Boxholder, PO Box 426184, SF 94142-6184 or call ★★7191.

Surfer, Sailor Wanted

Beginners OK. Seeking 18–25, smooth, slim, HIV-, for friendship, safe hot sex, surfing, sailing, but no relationship. I'm handsome, well-built swimmer, executive, 37, 5′11″, 165 lbs., brn hair and eyes, fun, adventurous, horny HIV-. Please send photo and letter to 2625 Alacatraz Ave., Box 171, Berkeley 94705 or call ★★7192.

Are You Ready

for a deep personal monogamous partnership with a masculine, dark, very hairy, dominant topman? If so, read on. You desire kink with limits tested and expanded. This GWM will lead you safely through your fantasies and dreams. Mid 40s, 5′11″, 155 lbs., brn/gry balding, brn eyes, cleanshaven and healthy. You are an affectionate, generous, honest, trim, clean, well-groomed, healthy nonsmoker, with a respectful attitude. Reply BT Box AP80A, if you have a private place to play and would enjoy an exciting long-term adventure.

Major Undiscovered Find!

Absolutely amazing! How this good-looking, smart, funny and modest 41-year-old cutie has not been snapped up by now is beyond the understanding of medical science and metaphysical disciplines. Perhaps a 28–42-year-old handsome, fun-loving, romantic man who likes to walk, cuddle and enjoy life can solve this mind-numbing riddle. Don't wait—this opportunity won't last! Reply BT Box AP81A or call ★★7193.

Blue Collar

Men drinking beer with thick thighs and thick hair and a strong nose are my weakness. I'm 43, nice looking, 6′1″, 175 lbs. w/mustache, wavy hair, green eyes. You are 28-45 and not into gay scene. I don't like jewelry or cheap shoes. Do like underwear, safe sex, videos and teasing. No substance abusers. Write Box 2538, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★7194.

A "Real" Person

GWM, 44, HIV-, 6′1″, 200 lbs., bl/blu eyes seeking GWM, 35–40, for friendship, companionship, and to see what develops in the future. I'm not interested in bar/bath scene to meet people. I am interested in: C.W. dance lessons and dancing; beginner's bridge, outdoor activities, travel, good conversation, dining out. Mine is not a "swimmer's build," but I am good-looking, getting back in shape, and willing to work hard. You should be in decent shape, share my interests and be interested in developing interests together. I plan on remaining HIV-—no unsafe sex, no "playing around," and no "head trip" bullshit. Interested? Please reply and let's meet. Reply BT Box AP82A or call ★★7195.

Doing It Together

Fit, attractive, mature man seeks same (preferably 40–55) who knows himself and his needs, would be sensitive to mine and is emotionally available. A genuine warmth, good energy and sense of humor, and a positive attitude toward life a must. I am a gregarious, high-energied professional in the arts. Would like to share my most agreeable life with someone whose contribution would enhance it even more. Enjoy theater, films, museums, travel, music, architecture, and ethnic food? We could be doing it together. Let's meet and see what happens. Reply BT Box AP83A or call ★★7196.

GLM In L.A. Wants Friends In S.F.

Cute, smooth GLM, 27 y.o., 5′6″, 129 lbs., wants to meet cute white guys, no moustache, under 25 with a good heart. I like to meet quality guys that I can visit in S.F. and who would like to visit me in L.A. Send a photo if possible. Reply BT Box AP84A.

Body Builders Play

Body builders, tired of being mistaken as a top? Want to have that hunky butt and body of yours attended to? Write this handsome, 40-year-old, 5′8″, 145 lb. man and tell me your fantasies. Light spanking to deep probing with stops in between: have to visit your coach for a special problem; see the doctor for an all-body exam; get caught by an older brother; work late for your boss in the office or in the basement; help the biology teacher with a special after-school experiment—well, you get the picture—send one of yours (returnable) with a lettter to Box 532, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★7197.

Possibilities

and not, I hope, improbabilities! GWM, 47, 5′6″, 150 lbs., seeking to meet Asian same age or somewhat younger, for friendship and sharing interests, or if fortune smiles, something more. Reply BT Box AP85A or call ★★7198.

FFB 150 Power Top

WM, 5′7″, 6′, 165 lbs., beard, tribal tatts to ahole, piercings, masc, deep throat services strong arm top fist into heavy power trip, sling bondage, mind fucking no limits butt rape, punch it helpless and take it to the shoulder. Have sling, need fanatic fist. Any age, race. Be serious, relentless, in absolute control. Box 302, 1117 Geary Blvd., SF 94109 or call ★★7199.

I Do

I'm one of those guys you would assume has a lover—I don't. That's because at first you may not notice that I'm shy. That coy part of my personality keeps me from approaching the men I'm attracted to. Oftentimes that's to other shy men. If you hope that once we break the ice you'll find that I'm masculine, humorous, warm and adventurous—you will. If you think I enjoy community service, exercise, sports, romance, sharing, and travel—I do. If you're attracted to men who are 38, 5′10″, 167 lbs., HIV+, red/blue, with a moustache—it's me. If you're masculine, tall, fit, 25–45, humorous, honest and nonsmoking—it's time. Don't leave a voice mail message, that's too easy. Make an effort and send a short note and photo and I'll return the same. If you assume that I believe a little effort yields lasting rewards—I do. Reply BT Box AP86A or call ★★7200.

Magnanimous Cum Laude

GS (Scottish)M, 22, 6′2″, brown hair, green eyes—looking for man 25–37 for safe dating and mutual fun. I'm extremely versatile, opinionated, spontaneous, an incorrigible flirt, charmingly eccentric and unique, and love to be held in the morning. Are you artistic, attractive and darling with interests beyond the office/home/gay life, Latin, Mediterranean, Brazilian, Caucasian, exotic? Can I tie you up and kiss you for hours? Reply BT Box AP87A or call ★★7201.

Monterey Area Nudist

40, W/M, 6′, 160 lbs., brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities. Nonsexual, friendship only. Prefer mid 40s or younger. Penpals welcome. Nudist group forming. Also seeking individuals with self-contained motor home who would be interested in clothing-optional situation on 100 acres, private, secluded, very rustic private property. (Wanted finances up to 150K—all/part.) Box 0406–BT; Gonzales 93926 or call ★★7202.

I Want A Slow Hand

A man with an easy touch, not someone to come and go in a heated rush. Thanks Pointers. That's me. 39 y.o., 170 lbs., blue eyes, reddish beard, shaved/bald head, exercised swimmer's build, blue collar type, intelligent, funny, friendly, artist, moderately hairy. Sorry, I don't like cologne, drugs, poppers, S/M, pierced bodies, cockrings. Do like: masculine, hairy (all degrees), bald/thinning (OK if not), J/O, earthy, natural, love big balls. I'm hung, but dick size not important. I'm an inner city explorer/adventurer, also love country. Relationship possible with right person. Reply BT Box AP88A or call ★★7203.

Oral maneuvers

Very talented, friendly, young 40, 5′10½″, 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Reply BT Box AP89A or call ★★7204.

Roe V. Wade

You were in the library researching this topic. I tried to help. You are tall, black, buffed, left-handed. You know who I am and where to find me on the weekend. Call ★★7205 or drop by.

Hot Sex Wanted

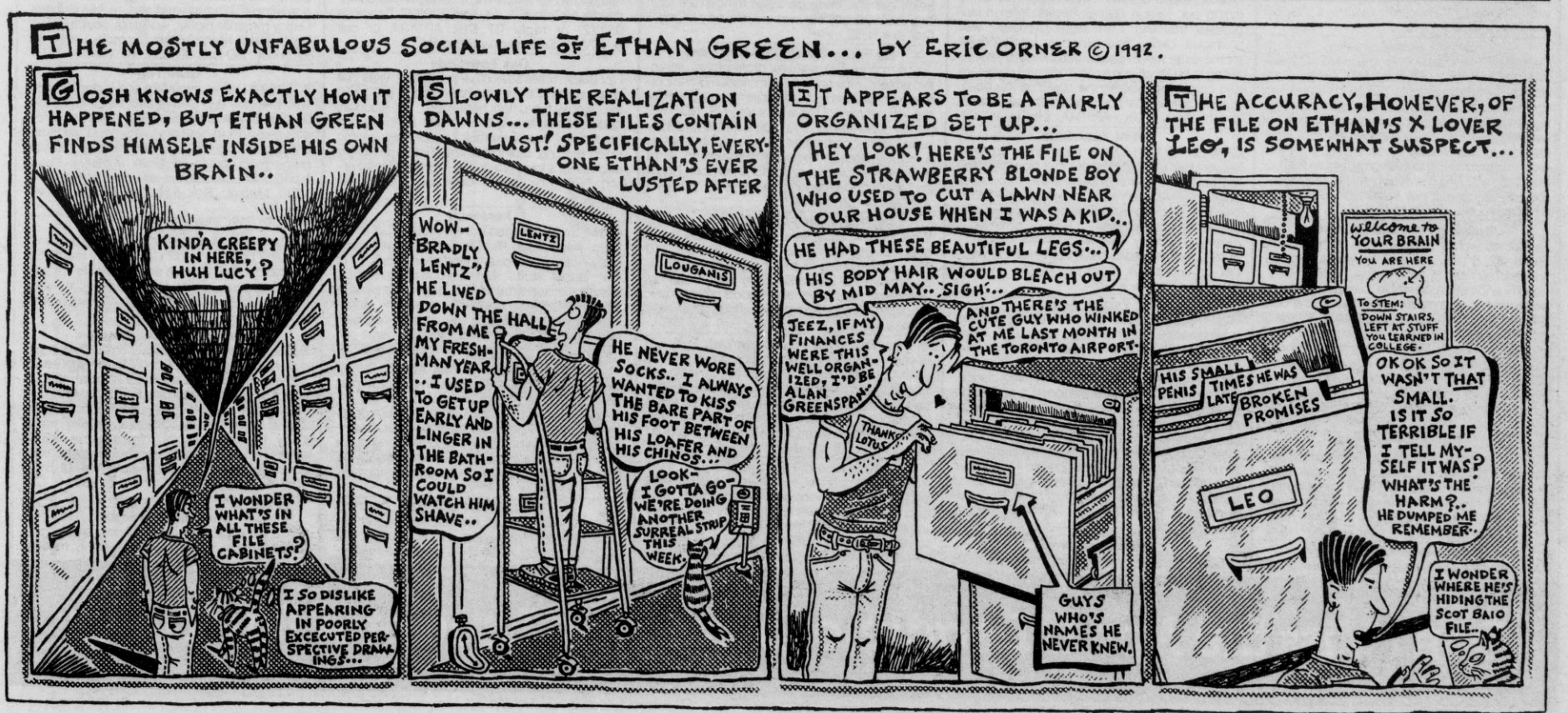
GWM, 34, good-looking, 5′10″, 175 lbs., gym-toned body, short black hair, moustache and beard, HIV+. Into most scenes and looking for an attractive man for hot sex and maybe a relationship. Turn-ons—tits, butts, tattoos, bald, etc. Reply BT Box AP90A or call ★★7206.

Corduroy

I get turned on by tight corduroy pants. If you like the feel and look of old worn velvety corduroys, please contact me. Age unimportant. Reply BT Box AP91A or call ★★7207.

Comforting Contrasts

You like it fine when a masculine, articulate, lankily well-made, defined guy turns over part of his dynamic to the usually quieter you; when the bedroom lights dim or when we make now-tender, now-feisty love far from the hiking trail. Indeed, it turns you on when this bright, tall blond with the light-up-the-room smile lays his head in your lap and opens his heart and other sensitive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GOSH KNOWS EXACTLY HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT ETHAN GREEN FINDS HIMSELF INSIDE HIS OWN BRAIN..
KIND'A CREEPY IN HERE, HUH LUCY?
I WONDER WHAT'S IN ALL THESE FILE CABINETS?
I SO DISLIKE APPEARING IN POORLY EXECUTED PERSPECTIVE DRAWINGS...
SLOWLY THE REALIZATION DAWNS... THESE FILES CONTAIN LUST! SPECIFICALLY, EVERYONE ETHAN'S EVER LUSTED AFTER
LENTZ
LOUGANIS
WOW- BRADLY LENTZ" HE LIVED DOWN THE HALL FROM ME MY FRESHMAN YEAR.. I USED TO GET UP EARLY AND LINGER IN THE BATHROOM SO I COULD WATCH HIM SHAVE..
HE NEVER WORE SOCKS.. I ALWAYS WANTED TO KISS THE BARE PART OF HIS FOOT BETWEEN HIS LOAFER AND HIS CHINOS...
LOOK- I GOTTA GO- WE'RE DOING ANOTHER SURREAL STRIP THIS WEEK.
IT APPEARS TO BE A FAIRLY ORGANIZED SET UP...
HEY LOOK! HERE'S THE FILE ON THE STRAWBERRY BLONDE BOY WHO USED TO CUT A LAWN NEAR OUR HOUSE WHEN I WAS A KID..
HE HAD THESE BEAUTIFUL LEGS...
HIS BODY HAIR WOULD BLEACH OUT BY MID MAY.. SIGH...
JEEZ, IF MY FINANCES WERE THIS WELL ORGANIZED, I'D BE ALAN GREENSPAN
AND THERE'S THE CUTE GUY WHO WINKED AT ME LAST MONTH IN THE TORONTO AIRPORT-
THANK LOTUS
GUYS WHO'S NAMES HE NEVER KNEW.
THE ACCURACY, HOWEVER, OF THE FILE ON ETHAN'S X LOVER LEO, IS SOMEWHAT SUSPECT...
Welcome to YOUR BRAIN
YOU ARE HERE
TO STEM: DOWN STAIRS, LEFT AT STUFF YOU LEARNED IN COLLEGE.
HIS SMALL PENIS
TIMES HE WAS LATE
BROKEN PROMISES
LEO
OK OK SO IT WASN'T THAT SMALL. IS IT SO TERRIBLE IF I TELL MYSELF IT WAS? WHAT'S THE HARM?.. HE DUMPED ME REMEMBER..
I WONDER WHERE HE'S HIDING THE SCOT BAIO FILE...

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parts to your loving, safely enveloped and playful invasions and ideas. He's in his 30s. You're agelessly young and hungry to take him. Reply BT Box AP92A or call ★★7208.

WM, 34, outdoorsman seeks friend to explore with. Me: 6′2″, 175 lbs., brown eyes and hair, handsome, well-rounded, communicative, sincere, monogamous and healthy. Inexperienced at relationships with men, but open and curious. I enjoy backpacking, wilderness, deserts and rivers, theater, music, film and literature. You: similar in age, confident, masculine, genuine. Us: good friends and hopefully intimately so. Reply BT Box AP93A or call ★★7209.

Contra Costa Professional

GWM, 30, 5′11″, 175 lbs., blond, financially stable and has been told is good-looking, seeks GWM (30–35) who enjoy traveling, intelligent conversation and outdoor sports. You, like myself, are a non-pretentious, well-adjusted, HIV-professional who is not into the gay scene and lives a quality life. We both enjoy intimacy, quiet times and the sharing of everyday life. Looking for friendship and/or possible monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box AP94A or call ★★7210.

Sonoma County Student

of chemistry. Aspiring shaman seeks passionate young men for dating and more. Living at home while finishing school, makes it hard to (well you know). In my prime and would like to share it with someone. Me: 26, 6′, 175 lbs., br/br, handsome and straight appearing. You: 20–30, good-looking, ahead of your time. North Bay a +. Send short letter to Boxholder, Suite 187, 6585 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park 94928. Photo appr., will return or call ★★7211.

Unusual And Attractive

W/M in mid 30s, very good-looking, intelligent, straight appearance, prof., seeks similar W/M for good times, hopefully more. Prefer you are sophisticated and interesting, under 6′ tall, sexually top, into some leather, non-heavy B&D, private exhibitionism. Safe only. Call ★★7212.

Assume The Position...

over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or? Until your beefy buns glow. Tall, gdlkng, nicely endowed 27 y.o. GWM with good hands will administer deserving slaps if UR under 30 and in good shape. Wear your tightest jeans and hold on! Reply BT Box AP95A or call ★★7213.

Totally Boyish GWM

... seeks white or Asian guy in SF for friendship and more. I'm 32, 5′7″, 125 lbs., long brown hair, nice smile, friendly, unpretentious, intelligent. Into film, rock and roll, art, exploring the city. Looking for a slim, cleanshaven nonsmoker, probably my age or younger, of similar height/weight, with compatible interests. (Long hair a plus, but by no means essential.) Call ★★7214.

If I Can't Dance...

I don't want to be part of your revolution. Intellectual Jewish Anarcho Commie Punko Fag, 41, seeks soulmate. Short of that, someone to dance with... Write to CPF, 2300 Market, #102, SF 94114 or call ★★7215.

Short? Submissive?

Fantasies? Need someone you can trust? Safe? W/M, 5′6″, 138 lbs., 43, br/br, HIV-, profess/very discreet/exper/versatile w/large collection speedos/underwear/etc. Gets into hot, imaginative, safe, dominant, roleplaying/spanking/wrestling/mental/power scenes. Will baby/demand/humiliate/wrestle force young guys into erotic submissive trips/posing/groping/pleading/humiliation/??? No S/M. Limitations respected. Exper/endowment not important. Boxholder, 519 Castro #40, SF 94114.

Looking For Love Or Lust

Or something in between. I'm a handsome GWM, 32, 5′10″, 165 lbs., brown/blue, cleanshaven, hairy and in good shape. I'm also HIV+, healthy and bottom/versatile. I like to get wild on occasion but enjoy quiet times, too. You should have similar/compatible characteristics and a good idea of who you are and what you want. Please also be very handsome, smart, fun, hairy, taller and/or nice—all of the above isn't necessary, one or more will suffice! Send letter and photo (a must; you can find one somewhere, returned if you ask) to BT Box AP96A or call ★★7216.

Living On Hawaii

Would like to share heart and home with country man in N. California, perhaps be bi-residential. Am 45, bl/bl, 10″ braid, 5′7″, have mild psoriasis, HIV+, healthy, hot and tender. Will be in CA soon. Photo (returned) helps. PO Box 5030, Kukuihaele, HI 96727.

Balls/Brains/Talent

I'm looking for a Bohemian guy (poet, writer, artist), 40–50-ish, who would like to share a unique lifestyle (possibly metasexual) with a good-looking, practicing artist, 54. Deep country location means some weekend driving. I like open, masculine, creative, verbal, trim men, HIV-, sober or very light drinker. Photo would facilitate reply. Reply BT Box AP97A.

A Touch Of The Tropical

If you'd like a little spice in your life—how about a slim cute brown 25-year-old (blk/blk)? Do you grab the Arts and Leisure page? Interested in swimming, long conversations and rambling walks? Do Garfield, Woody Allen, Terry Gilliam, Hobbits, MOMA, Baldwin and Maupin ring a bell? Be in 20s–early 30s, reasonably in shape and willing to try something different. Reply BT Box AP98A or call ★★7217.

Nectar In Paradise

Masculine, versatile GWM, living on windward side of Oahu, looking for masculine men who require close contact with other men. If you're visiting the islands, let's check it out. I'm 5′9″, 170 lbs., balding brown, baby blue, mid 30s, well built, hairy chest. Reply BT Box AP99A or call ★★7218.

Responsibly Carnal And Caring

I'm out of town for work sometimes, but does this mean a warm, spirited safe-sex buddy need be tough to find? Lithe, tall, exercised and nicely defined 38 y.o. blond with vivid blue eyes and lots of sensual/sexual/playful urges would like to share caresses and tussles, embraces and huddles of all gymnastic varieties with clean living, in-shape young guys. Though looking for toasty physicality, I also offer emotional availability and trust that you can too. Reply BT Box AP100A or call ★★7219.

I Like Ass

This attractive GWM, 40, top, 6′5″, 200 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for the safe sex to follow. You: attractive GWM, 21–35, slim build, nice ass and hungry. If you dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now!!! Reply BT Box AP101A or call ★★7220.

Wakem Up

I was crossing Sanchez St. at Market, 7 p.m., 3/25. We exchanged hellos. Would you like to meet? Give me a call and check it out—let's see what happens. Reply BT Box AP102A or call ★★7221.

Wanna Penetrate A Young GWM?

Attractive GWM, 23, br/bl, 5′11″, 145 lbs., seeks older guys, expert in sodomy. My fantasy: sucking your dick and watch it slowly moving in and out of my ass while admiring your very well-built body outloud. If you are this very muscular hunk and like to be told you are a god, reply BT Box AP103A or call ★★7222.

Meet An Asian "Aries" Lately?

GAM, 44, 5′10″, 150 lbs., wants to meet younger brother, friend or lover. My interests are sci fi, eating out, wkend outings, walks, foreign languages, traveling. I am easy to please, well balanced, caring and sensitive. I enjoy quiet moments as well as passionate loving. If you are willing to be loved and treasured for who you are and comfortable being the object of my devotion—let's meet. We could be holding each other tonight. Reply BT Box AP104A or call ★★7223.

I Want Your Guts

GWM, 36, 6′1″, 180 lbs., br/bl, sober smoker, healthy HIV+. Beyond that I'm a nice guy, with a great sense of humor, who's also handsome in that cleanshaven way. Looking for someone willing and able to put out emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually 110%—I promise to meet you halfway. That which grows slowly endures... help me learn to live that belief. Oh yeah, I'm an incurable romantic. Reply BT Box AP105A or call ★★7224.

Jazz Person Sought

GWM, 36, 5′5″, 120 lbs., dark blond hair, red beard/moustache, green eyes, hairy chest. Seeking: GBM, GLM, GAM (others OK also) who enjoys jazz/crossover (KBLX, KKSF, KJAZ type) as beginning mutual interest area (also dance, theater, art, your suggestions). Let's hang together, hear some music, dinners, get to know each other for a while. Note: I use manual wheelchair since '80 accident. Let's destroy the myth... I work, do laundry, drive, shop, all life activities as others do... including getting hard (though that comes later). Friends first, if feels right to both of us, some things can develop/continue. Reply letter/phone. Reply BT Box AP106A or call ★★7225.

Warm Rendevous

SBiWM, trim, 5′8″, 40, considerate, capable, casual, "versatile," seeks one similar WM, 27–57, bi, gay, TV, or "novice," for sexual rendevous (in SF area). Brotherly warmth, comfortable nakedness, sensual sharing. No STD's, no drugs, not phone sex, no bars, not romance, not politics or economics, no trash or swish. If we feel to, truly bisexual sharing possible also. Reply BT Box AP107A or call ★★7226.

Looking For

a physically attractive, tallish, trim, emotionally open, well-educated professional man with some wit, style and depth. No clones, no smoking, low to no drinking. Must like architecture, meandering city walks, books, and movies. Age 34–44, HIV-. I'm all of the above, and am tired of playing with myself. Write a risky letter and send a representative (not idealized) photo. I'll do the same. POB 423512, SF 94114 or call ★★7227.

Old Soul In Young Body

Cute Mex/Ital/Irish boy, 26, 5′9″, 160 lbs., br/gr, cleanshaven, very smooth, 7″ uncut, HIV-. I enjoy reading, film, outdoors, art, metaphysics, astrology, spirituality, vegetarianism, beer, good conversation, hot safe sex and cuddling. I also have a great sense of humor. I'm attracted to guys 30+ who are intelligent, creative, sane, hairy, bearded, hung and nonsmoking. Boy awaits daddy bear. Reply BT Box AP108A or call ★★7228.

Somewhere In The Middle

GWM, 27, 5′10″, 150 lbs., brown hair/brown eyes, handsome. I'm looking for a guy around my age +/– 5 years with a similar build for first friendship and then maybe a relationship. I have many interests which include cycling, day hikes, movies, history, politics, sex, new things, and doing stuff with friends. You should be: HIV-, smart, good-looking, flexible, open-minded, and in good physical shape. Call ★★7229.

Seeking Thin, Smooth Boyfriend

If you're thin to skinny, non-smkr-drugs, any race, 25–35, enjoy quiet evenings, lots of affection, movies, beach walks, arts, this gdlk late 40s GWM writer, 6′2″, 160 lbs., clean-cut, stable and safe, wants to meet you for casual visits and/or possible relationship. (I'm not into risky sex.) Please send your photo (I'll return) to L., PO Box 21463, Piedmont 94620 or call ★★7230.

Recharging Mid-Life Sex

You're 40+. You're still hungrily addicted to sex but you're no longer the dynamo you once were: your erotic anodes and diodes are wearing down and your bod is losing its current. Let's share ideas and experiences for recharging our sexual batteries, especially for keeping the tingle in our tools. Call ★★7231.

Has The World Changed Or Have I Changed?

There's more to life than books, but not much more, so if you've got five minutes to spare I'll tell you the story of my life (33, slender and shy). I want to live and I want to love, not just catch something I might be ashamed of. So, you handsome devil (preferably 35–45, short, chubby and hairy) call me, because these things take time and this is the day our lives could surely change. Call ★★7232.

No Fancy Essay (Bullshit) Here

Just a mature (55), sincere, professional, attractive athletic, nice and very submissive GWM bottom who desires to be obedient to a non-kinky but very dominant top who's also NS, ND, HIV- and in good shape. You'd be a friend who may have another committed relationship, but needs a regular outlet for fantasy and relaxation. Write with your description and phone number. I'll call and we'll touch each other. Reply BT Box AP109A or call ★★7233.

Berkeley Daytimes

Want a quick, easy, safe, hassle-free way to get over morning "horniness"? GWM, 35, br/gr, 140 lbs., good-looking, trim, seeks GM 18-35 for daytime casual sex in Berkeley area. Race not important, slim and trim, good shape are. Students, foreign, long hair, uncut, all pluses. Completely discreet. Call now! Call ★★7234.

So You Want To Get Fucked, Eh?

In your face or in your ass, I'll do it. I am 45 y.o. GWM, blond, 5′11″, 180 lbs., not very good-looking, medium dick. I prefer young, slender, smooth, but others may apply, especially Asians and virgins. If you need to get laid *bad*, call me, and use a condom every time. Reply BT Box AP110A or call ★★7235.

How About That Spanking?

You'll feel much better afterward. Suit-wearing professional with traditional values, 45 y.o., 6′0″ and 185 lbs., brn eyes and hair, HIV-, uncut, willing to give hand spankings and other guidance to youthful-appearing Daddy's boy. I am respectful of limits. You will feel liberated as every private act is directed and supervised; in helplessness you'll discover how much you are cared for. Reply BT Box AP146A or call ★★7236.

Quality for Quality

WM, 41, career professional, 5′8″, 162 lbs., blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative, genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American or dark-haired (toppish!) men, who are my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet and hopefully date. Reply BT Box AP146A or call ★★7237.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?

Handsome, slim Asian runner with nice legs and cute butt has huge men's undergarment collection. Seeks GWM for private shows. I will strip, model my undergarments. Help me in to/out of my garments, grope me, photograph me. I'm HIV-, anal passive, oral. Hot, safe, erotic, fun. Plus if you'll show me your undergarment collection and model them for me. Not into dirty/women's underwear. Call ★★7238.

Let's Chance It!!

Attractive, fun Scorpio seeking relationship with possible future monogamous relationship. Me, GWM, 53, HIV-, 5′10″, 190 lbs., brn hair, cleanshaven, hairy bod, nondrinker, nonsmoker. You: late 20s to mid 50s, HIV-, nice looking, sense of humor, bit zany, 12-stepper, OK, like to be spoiled. Let's have an adventure!! Maybe we will end up good friends or lovers?? Reply BT Box AP112A or call ★★7239.

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GWM, cynical humor, "over-developed chest," painter's sensibility, enjoys leather, working out, bicycling, gallery hopping, hot tubes, dungeons, learning to two-step, looking for a pal to hang with, dance with, cuddle and fuck. A man who, like me, needs to be talked down sometimes and lifted up sometimes. Romantic gestures, playful spirit, yes, yes, yes. Call ★★7240.

Sugar "N" Spice—Not!

If you are looking for a relationship—you might want to skip this one. Just looking for clean, hot, safe sex! Me: 29 yrs old, 5′11″, 175 lbs., blond, blue, tan, smooth chest, muscular hairy legs, cleanshaven, top, hung and cut. You: 18–35, appropriate weight to height, muscular, bottom. Turn-ons: dark hair and eyes, hairy chests, beard lines, sideburns. Only letters with photos will be answered. I will return w/mine. 2443 Fillmore St., Box 173, SF 94115.

Asian Man In Search Of Friendship

GAM, 5′4″, 125 lbs., 27 years old, seeks man 18–35 who is honest, sincere, fun loving, nonsmoker, non or light drinker, drug free for that "special friendship." I enjoy cooking, watching movies, discussing politics and philosophy or just relaxing at home listening to music. If interested, please reply to K.T., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172, or reply BT Box AP113A or call ★★7241. Serious only please!!

Oak Town Boy

Hot Black males seek other hot Black males that share some of the same interests. I'm 5′7″, 170 lbs., stocky type, dark brown skin, big muscles, chest fills out, strong thick thighs, tight ass and med dick. I love basketball, baseball, etc... I also enjoy reading, dining out, drive-ins or just enjoy each other's love. No drugs. Friendship/relationship. PO Box 3067, Berkeley 94703. Call ★★7242.

Peninsula

GWM, simple-minded but with intellectual ambitions, living clean lifestyle, independent financially—idiot open for any kind of cretinism. All of that stupid stuff... like European sensitivity, aristocratic background, E.E. origin. The worst of all: 36, 5′11″, 180 lbs., HIV-, masculine, good-looking with unbeatable sexual potential, bald and proud... Oh, yes, for only 98 cents per minute. Reply BT Box AP114A or call ★★7243.

Wanted Black M Past Age 55

Clean-cut, caring GWM wants one Black M past 55 to orally service on regular basis. I'm 57, healthy, HIV-, 6′1″, 188 lbs. and strictly F/A deep-throat expert. Need one healthy, older, heavy-hung Black M who loves to be orally serviced for hours. Your response to 1550 California St., #6, Box 241. Your looks and age are unimportant. Call ★★7244.

I'm Looking For A Boy

who is smooth, slender, discreet, very young, any race, and who needs some human attention. This bearded white guy, 34, 5′4″, 120 lbs., is healthy, gentle, kind, discreet, and hoping for friendship. If you are shy and inexperienced, let's try and learn together. Reply with picture (if possible) to Box 51, 1001 Page St., SF 94117.

Blue Collar Man?

Are you a masculine, handsome GWM under 40 who works with his hands (construction worker, painter, trucker, policeman, etc.)? If so, this good-looking, professional, somewhat shy, 32-year-old GWM with brown hair, short beard, 6′2″, 195 lbs., HIV-, wants to hear from you now! Reply BT Box AP115A or call ★★7245.

1954 Buick Special

Same vintage—some of the same values, good condition, low mileage. Not a lot of test drives lately but would like to get out of the garage. GWM, 5′11″, 178 lbs., brown hair/eyes, HIV-, funny, warm, spiritual sense (not New Age). Seeking similar who respects himself first. The rest is chemistry. Favorite date was a walk at the ocean, dinner at home in front of the fire. Send photo if available. Reply BT Box AP116A.

WM, 43, Possessed Of Many Fine Qualities

and a few not-so-fine, seeks other men, 25–45 for dating, friendship, and whatever might come after that. Spiritual, playful, passionate; pragmatic, serious, reserved; affectionate. Versatile, with tendency to land on top. Honest, considerate, thoughtful, HIV-, no smoke or drugs, available; you are too. Warped sense of humor. Classical music, cats, church, STNG, hiking, quiet evenings, country. 6′, 172 lbs., brown/balding, hazel eyes; trim, full beard; trim build; masculine. Your photo appreciated but not essential. Reply BT Box AP117A.

Irishman Seeks Irishman

Older 55 Irishman would like to develop a loving and sexual relationship with a younger Irishman. We are both from Ireland. You like an older man, I like younger. You: under 40, gentle, intelligent-type, you sexually more bottom than top, pleasant to be with. Me: no beauty, but you could bring it out. I have a happy life here, but love Ireland and proud of Irish heritage. You are too. Write Box 8522, 537 Jones, SF 94102.

Seeking "Queer N' Asian"

GWM, late 30s, HIV+, 5′11″, 170 lbs., seeks friendship with GAM. Me: ostensibly quiet, secure, politically active, nurturing, opinionated, somewhat shy, enigmatic professional with high self-esteem. My interests include politics, sports, literature, theater, music, jeopardy and food. I'm openly affectionate and love to cuddle, but I've never been told I'm a great lover. I've got my share of vices but the overall package is pretty special. You: Asian, 25–40 y.o., looks not important. Must be intelligent with good sense of self-worth and stable lifestyle. Physical handicaps are fine, but please no mental hang-ups. If you're interested in a high-quality friendship with a giving and stable guy, reply BT Box AP118A or call ★★7246.

GBM, 6′4″, 225 lbs., HIV-, 49, nonsmoker, seeks sincere and centered GM, 30–55, for adventure. Life and its pleasures are best shared with someone special. I'm 'out' and secure, but discreet. I enjoy romantic nights, workouts, scuba diving, beach walks, hiking, sports and more. Let's meet for coffee. PO Box 390331, Mt. View 94039.

GBM Top

6′, 195 lbs., 46 yr., into white and Latino bottoms who are very submissive and eager to please, 35–55, for romantic, sensitive, pleasurable encounters, taking our time to savor our sensuality, lots of touching, hugging, tit play, oralism before main course—safe sex, of course—send a photo. Will be returned with your desires to A., 1230 Market, Box 615, SF 94102 or call ★★7247.

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Sweetheart Wanted

GWM, 50, 5′11″, 164 lbs., HIV-, top, br/grn, gym toned, smoker, social drinker, attractive, mellow,

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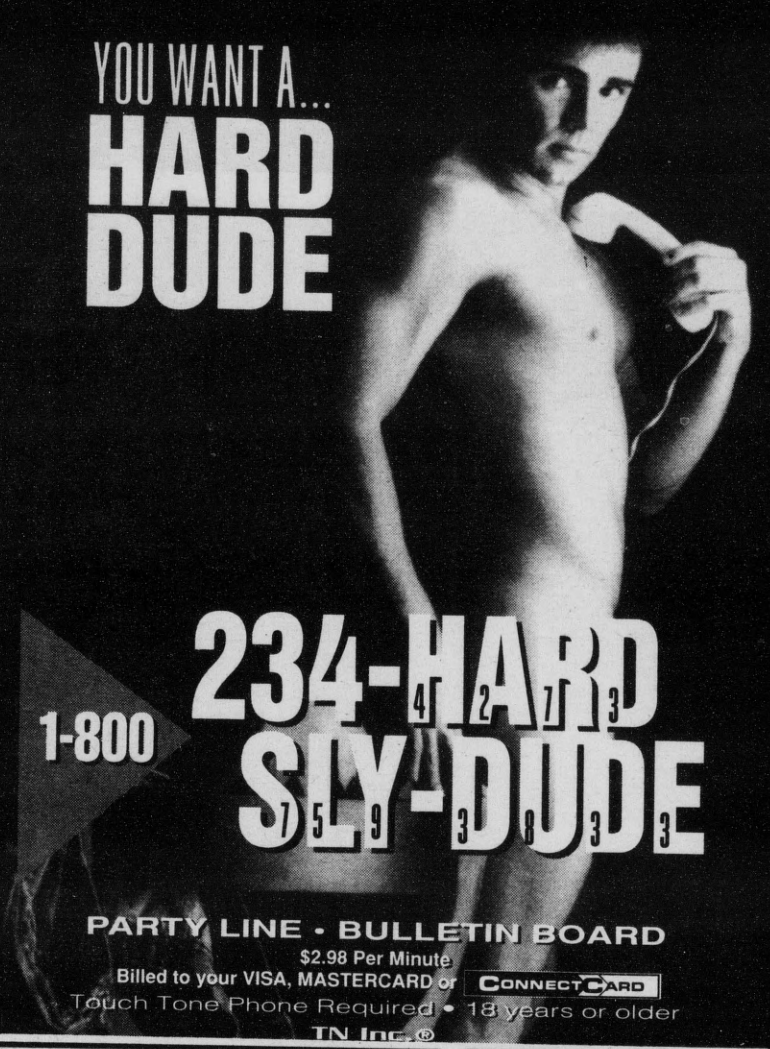

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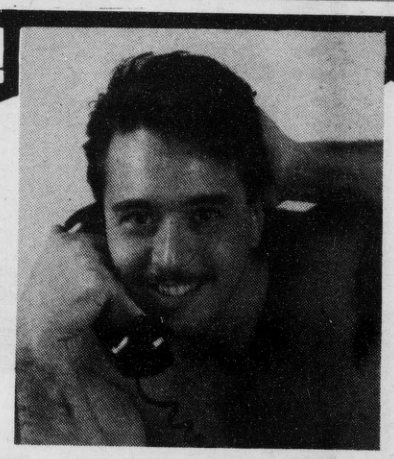

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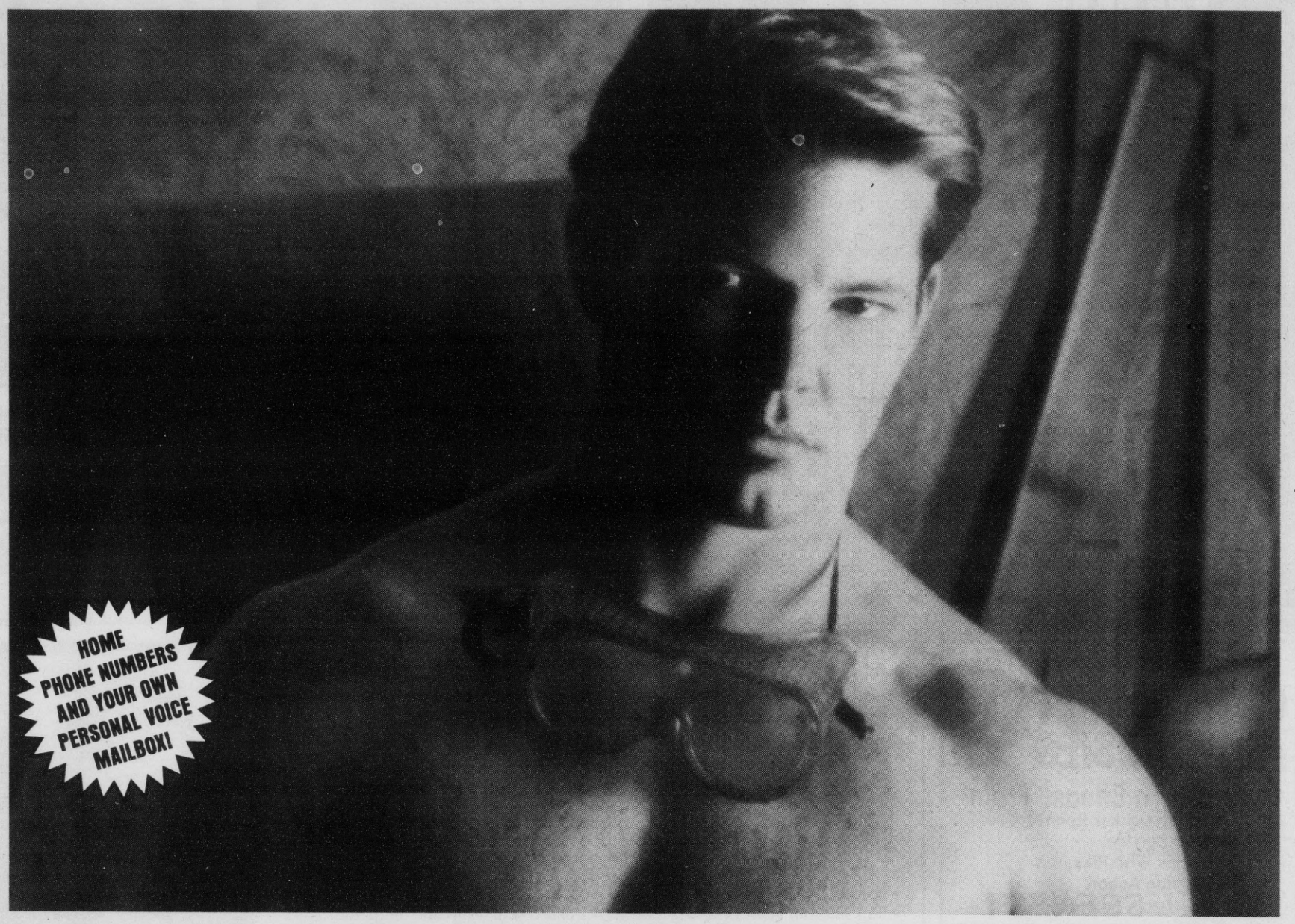

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Gentlemen, I'm available, GM, 20 Philippino, looking for exciting whites or latinos 18-30, let's do it, call my box. Ext. 1779

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Men 20-30, leave description of your pleasure. Just let me know what you want, all races. Ext. 1801

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Bob, clean, active, seek phone fun. Test drive avail. Ext. 1587

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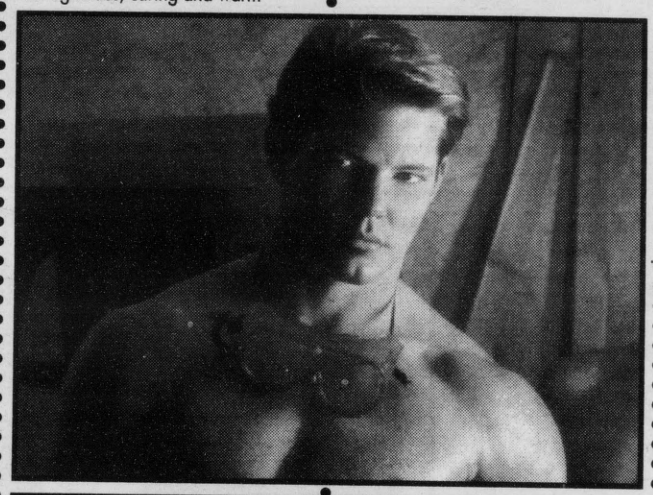

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Reno man looking for guys 25-35, travel to SF and Russian River Area frequently. Leave a message in my mail box if interested. Ext. 2838

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

GWM slender, 22, masculine. Ext.3242

Ed, 27, like to meet new people. Ext.3431

Mike, 23, call anytime. Ext.3434

Sacramento area Athletic black and white couple seeks other men. Ext. 3418

Sacramento, Muscular, 5'10, call Tom. Ext.3516

SF, Conrad. Ext. 3518

SF Cowboy, New to town, love outdoors, 28 cowboy from Texas looking for sun & fun in Calif. Ext.3404

SF Bob, 24, Oak grove, HIV+, 6'1, 180, no fats. Ext.3390

Tony 6'2, 32, brown hair, smooth body, good shape, looking for fun and friendship. Ext.3359

Charles, 18, looking for gorgeous men. Ext.3272

20, Hispanic and blue eyes, energetic risk taker. Ext. 3299

Just out, need help, 6'2, 180, 38 years old, brown hair. Ext.3329

Asian, or Italian types. Ext. 3169

SF, Surfers? GW Men 18-25. Ext. 3200

Sacramento, Latin, 6'3, loves sports, 30, 175, looking for Asian, or Italian types. Ext. 3169

Sacramento, 2 bold guys looking for fun. Ext. 2850

Sacramento, discreet guys. Ext. 2862

Sacramento, financially successful mid 30's looking for extra-ordinary. Ext. 3201

Sacramento, Half Italian & Portuguese Dan. Ext. 3072

San Francisco, I'm a beginner looking for advice. Ext. 2660

San Francisco Artist, looking for a model, Call Richard at Ext. 2687

Tony, No. California 48, Interested in dating young 18-30 slim. Ext. 1658

San Francisco 1st timer, bi-curious excited, need teacher for massage or more. Ext. 1590

Jay, athletic, 36, in San Francisco seeking attractive white men under 32, ready for work-out. Ext. 1176

Howard, in SF, 32 professional 5'10, straight acting, sports, safe fun, discreet. Ext. 1160

Craig, 36, 190, San Mateo, NS, No drink, prefer Latinos 18-23. 1st timers spec. service, serious only. No calls after 10pm. Ext. 1581

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Latino Men, 35-40 in SF, Richard, looking for friends and more. Ext. 2589

Randy, 32, blond hair, handsome, in Concord, looking for friendly in shape guy early 30's. Ext. 2318

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San Diego, love arts, cooking, dancing, light blond Paul, 33, looking for workout partner. Ext.3262

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Frank, 25, 5'11, looking for black men. Ext.3386

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Symphony Wed. 3/18

Exchanged smiles as I passed at intermission; you wore white mock turtle; me, sport coat, glasses, beard; would like to meet: PO Box 626, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or use voice mail (except 4/4–11, on vacation). Call ★★7249.

Searching For Athletic Whimsical Liaison

Squared hard stomach, busy stories, imagination. Aerobic, lean, HIV-. Same sought by GWM, 40s with young complexion, a sparky buckaroo, feel 29, quick to grin. Objective: resonant touch, mindful banter, uncompromised confidence, funny truths, perhaps the coincidence of friendship, but don't bet on it. Please be similar, focused, with compact body and clear messages. Call ★★7250.

The Jewish Connection

If you are reading this personal, then we probably have something in common already. I'm a GJM, 23, 5′8″, br/hzl, stocky frame, professional, cleanshaven, nonsmoker. I live in Marin and I enjoy working out, biking, dancing, theater, hiking, and all the regular stuff. I am pretty new to the area but I can't seem to meet anyone Jewish. I'm not super-religious, but I do enjoy celebrating the holidays and occasionally going to temple. Let's talk about grandma's chicken soup and the tortures of Hebrew school and go from there. I am looking for friends but I am definitely open to a good relationship. Reply BT Box AP121A or call ★★7251.

Platicar Y Placer

Estoy estudiando el Espanol. Quiero practicar con otro hombre para platicar y, tal vez, placer. Tengo 47 anos, 5′8″, 140 lbs. Llame me. Carlos. Reply BT Box AP122A or call ★★7252.

Calling All Quality Daddies

GWM, early 30s, br/bl, 6′, 165 lbs., seeks strong, mature, successful man 35–45. I am handsome, HIV-, shaved exercise addict; career minded, outgoing, socially aware, culturally literate and fascinated by life's ironies. You should possess similar qualities. Am assertive in most facets of life but desire a well-muscled man's guidance and creativity... ultimately culminating in a committed relationship. Send returnable photo and letter. Reply BT Box AP123A.

Attn: Masc. Asian/Latino Males

This discreet masculine Chinese American male, 37 y.o., muscular and trim, stands 5′7″, a solid 145 lbs., seeks a quality relationship with an Asian/Latino masculine guy, 27–45, HIV-, healthy and in shape, intelligent, independent, down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. I enjoy cultural and ethnic diversities, workouts, outdoors, weekend getaways, sports, home life, cooking, giving and receiving long sensual massages. Not into drugs, disco or groupies. If you honestly fit the bill, please reply BT Box AP124A or call ★★7253.

Seeking Smart And Sexy

Youthful guy for friendship, etc. I'm a relationship-oriented GWM, 36, 5′8″, 152 lbs., dark hair and moustache, blue eyes (usually behind glasses), handsome, energetic, inquisitive, health conscious, HIV-. I enjoy designing and building things, volunteer work, my friends, reading, movies, food, outdoor adventure, travel, etc. Looking to meet compatible, bright male who enjoys his work and friends and takes time to smile. Call ★★7254.

Older Man/Young Males

Quiet GWM, 57, 6′, 160 lbs., slim and naturally trim, into meditation, quasi-vegetarian, loves nature. I've traveled to many foreign countries, lived in New York, Washington, D.C., and now San Francisco. Growing up, it was important to pass for straight. Today, I'm more relaxed about my sexuality. I would like to share my life with a GWM, 21–30, who is comfortable with his maleness. No smoking. No drugs. Reply BT Box AP125A.

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for intimate affection! By happy, W-Man/Fox. Tall, hairy (black/green), slim gym-firmed physique. Great smile, creative and ready to give a lot to you. Make the effort to contact me and I'll be your friend till the end. Box 416, PO Box 410990, SF 94114-2588 or call ★★7255.

GAM + GAM or ?

Handsome GAM, youthful 40s, 5′7″, 135 lbs., healthy, fit and energetic, seeks other GAM or GM for friendship, perhaps relationship. I am balanced, confident, flexible, open and sincere. You are some or all of these, N/S, non-substance abuser and healthy. I enjoy traveling, music, restaurants, films, reading, workouts, etc. Send phone, if possible, photo to WD, PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★7256.

Intelligent

... friends or lover wanted by 27 y.o. computer professional. I'm interested in films, dining out and conversation. Would be open to new things, such as opera, symphony, museums, etc... Gee, I still have 35 words I can use, so: blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah. Call ★★7257.

Young GWM Wanted

South Bay. Young, athletic, inexperienced Asian Christian male seeks nonsmoking, athletic GWM for friends/relationship. I enjoy working out, playing volleyball and tennis, camping, biking, traveling and quality evenings. PO Box 3145, San Jose 95156 or call ★★7258.

Relationship Wanted

And I know I'm not the only one. GWM, 27, 6′, 165 lbs., bld/hzl, smooth, gym toned, nonsmoking, straight acting, Midwest guy wants to meet a similar GWM, 25–34, with like intentions. Then let's take it from there. Things I value include: work, study, travel, working out and kissing. I consider myself mature, responsible, down-to-earth, and materially modest. And how about you? Reply BT Box AP126A or call ★★7259.

I Know You Exist

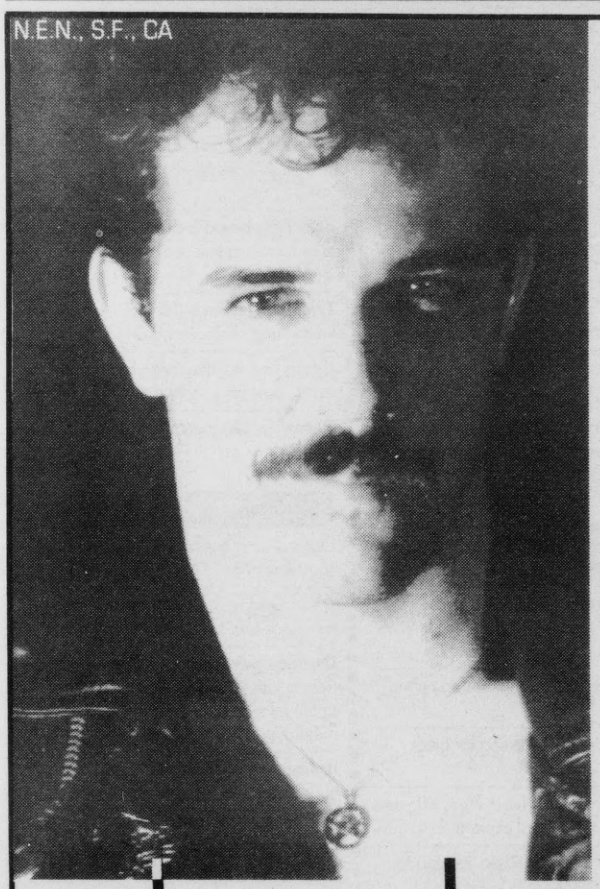
I've seen you out on the streets. You are tall (5′9″+), height in proportion to weight, cleanshaven, cute hair cut (full head of hair), tanned, white, nonsmoker, light drinker, under 32, educated and earning a living. You, like I am, are over the bars, ultra queens, etc... and are ready to try and build a healthy long-term relationship/companionship. I'm 31 (look 26), 6′3″, 180 lbs., brown hair and blue eyes, tanned, stable (mostly), allergic to cats and have a dog. This is my first and only ad so come on and take a chance. Call ★★7260.

Looking For Smoothies

GWM wants to meet man with little or no body hair for friendship, good times and more. Me: 40s, 5′10″, 180 lbs., HIV-, brown/blue, professional, masculine, live in SF. You: any age with smooth body, Asian a +. Both of us: friendly, honest, nonsmoker, no drugs, affectionate, sincere and a little bit innocent. Write or call me and let's get together. Reply BT Box AP127A or call ★★7261.

Balance: Body And Soul

Sensual-BUT-stable, XX fantasy (good-looking, mostly smooth Asian, Latin, Italian or? 20–35) but seeking more serious Partner (or nonsexual friends—all "types"): no heavy bar scene or drugs/light alcohol, easygoing and casual, music (Sade, Bolton, Vandross, Vaughn, gospel, etc.), Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, theology, philosophy, Chaplin, The Far Side, Looney Toons, ethnic



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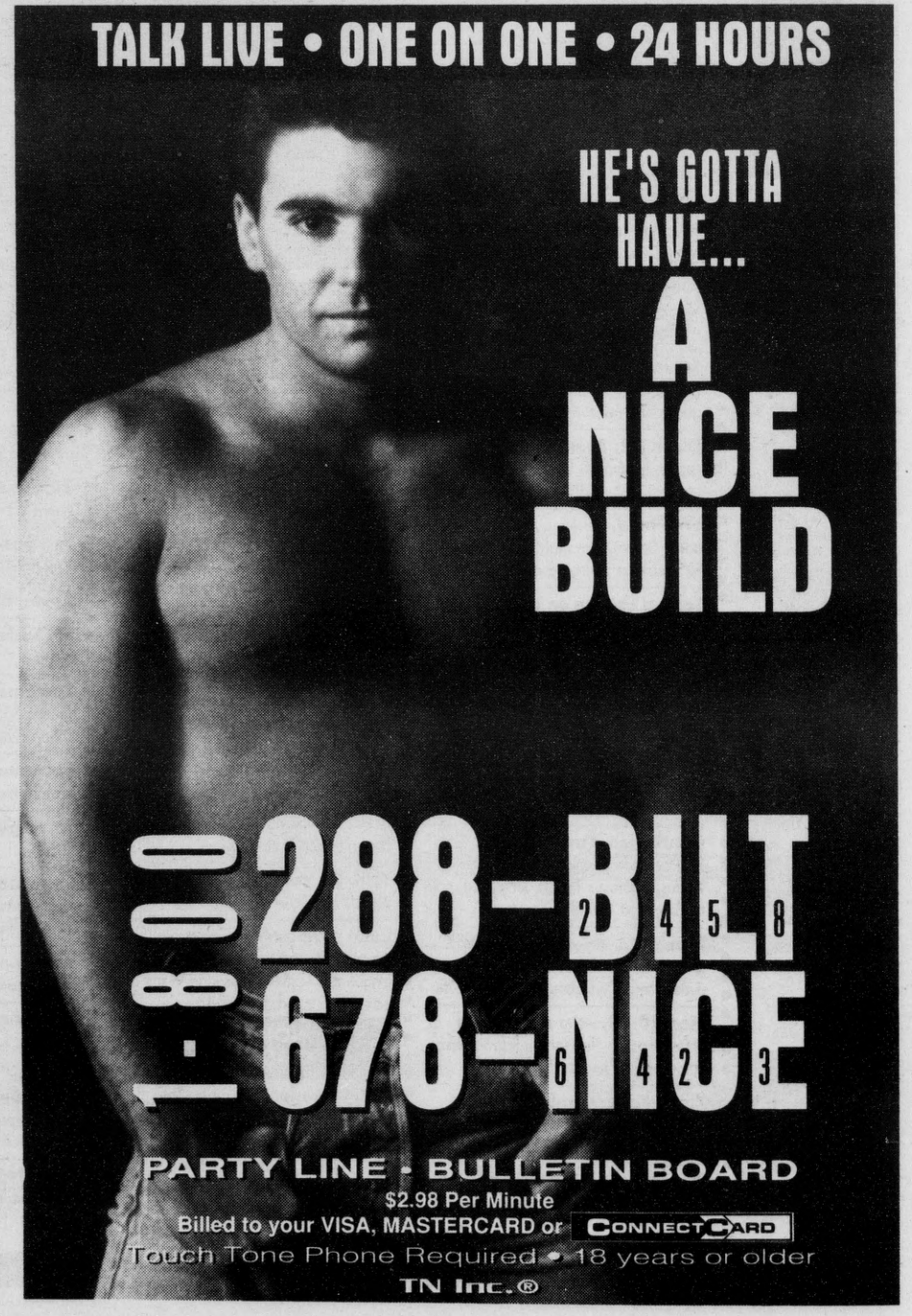

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Do We Have A Match?

You—most of the following: honest, sweet, sometimes intolerable, smart, decent body, GWM, 27–45, over 5'10"/170 lbs., top/vers., engineer, artist, carpenter or something like that, with big dick you love to... and me: GWM, bright, interesting, nice to people, hate BS, 5'10", 185 lbs., good-looking, 36, decent shape, stubborn streak, like zoos, camping out, cultural stuff; vers/bottom, way excellent/in bed (the better to fit your...), for hanging out, cuddling, fucking like mink, shacking up? Republicans considered only with excellent excuse (e.g., 9" is excellent). Forget the photo, I trust you. Reply BT Box AP129A or call ★★7263.

Are You Extremely Well Hung?

This good-looking, HIV-, 32-year-old, slender GWM with a nice tight butt would like to get it "probed" (safely) by a handsome, masculine GWM under 40 with a big (over 9") fat dick! Call ★★7264.

Tired Of Coffee Dates That Lead Nowhere?

If we're compatible on the phone, let's play first, then pillow talk to see if our minds fit as well. We're professional, educated, cheerful, diverse interests, great husband prospects. I'm GWM, 48, 5'9", 158 lbs., Nordic blond, at least decent looking, well-groomed, HIV+, healthy, smoker, oral, versatile, love kissing, nipple work. You're 25–40ish, well packaged, bright, affectionate, romantic, eager. Open to once or a lifetime; sex buddy, friend, lover. Reply BT Box AP130A or call ★★7265.

Hand In Hand

I long for a partnership where I can be nurtured and cherished for who I am. I'm ready to love a strong, gentle, bighearted, handsome man, age 30–55, secure enough to be open, playful, and supportive (not possessive). I'm a handsome, sensitive, creative, well-exercised, young-looking GWM, 46, 5'7", strong, smooth skinned, very sensual. While I often present myself as forthright, self-sufficient and an initiator, there's a quiet, loving and childlike part of me that needs to feel safe in order to emerge. My political/spiritual outlook is iconoclastic and non-mainstream. Please be a nonsmoker, attentive to your body and spirit, and open to receiving as well as giving. PO Box 3073, Oakland 94609 or call ★★7266.

Hung Uncut Tactile Voyeur

Tall, thin, dark-haired Latino masseur, 39, likes watching, being watched, masturbating and sometimes touching with other hung-big uncut men... and with young, dark-skinned thin Latinos with big or small uncut dicks. Adventurous "clandestine" encounters around town (brief OK)... or longer "good times" at home. Massage and very safe sensual play also possible. Share your fantasy meeting. Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7267.

Something For Your Mind, Body And Soul

This attractive, healthy 25-year-old can give you everything you need to fill your life. For your mind, I can give you stimulating conversation. For your body, I can give you long, hot nights of rhapsodic passion. For your soul, I can give stability, caring and companionship. I am looking for a guy in his mid 20s to late 30s who can turn me on as much with mind as with his body. If you have these qualities then please let me know. Reply BT Box AP131A or call ★★7268.

Mature Masseur

Clean, clean-cut, uncut WM, 39, seeks Sonoma County gentleman over 50 as masseur and friend. You would enjoy giving full body massage (and maybe more) without reciprocation. I am 5'8", 150 lbs., a nonsmoker in good shape. No fees. No drugs. Honesty and discretion respected. Please reply PO Box 11165, Santa Rosa 95406.

If There Were Ever A Time

to enjoy what life has to offer, to share it with family, friends and a partner, it's now. Not for any particular reason except we only get one chance to experience each moment, so let's do it right. Life has been very good to me, and I would like to share that with someone. I feel I have a strong grasp on life, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. And would like to explore these aspects of life further with a partner. I'm 31, 5'10", 140 lbs. Very attractive, self-employed, homeowner, healthy and ready for more. You're about the same in age and looks. A zest for life and its understanding. Not afraid to communicate, share your life, demand respect for yourself and give that respect to others in their life. Call ★★7269.

Erotic Art Videomaker

Seeks models for an artistic project on exhibitionism and narcissism. I see the healthy male nude body as a creative expression of the inner mind. Let me explain how I think the process of recording you on video can reward us both with a natural release and a sense of accomplishment. Your identity need not be revealed on video. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★7270.

Your Barefeet

and my hot tongue would make a wonderful duet. Imagine this GWM, 30+, br/bl, handsome, 5'10", slowly undressing your tired, soft, well-trimmed, ticklish feet and giving them (and the rest of your body) the best tongue bath you've had in a long while. Sexy feet belonging to GWMs 20–38. How many places are you ticklish? Reply BT Box AP133A or call ★★7271.

Blue Collar Studs Wanted

Would like to meet masculine, blue collar types on a regular basis for friendship and fun. Kick back and enjoy a cold beer while watching some hot porno and getting serviced. Cum right after work in your dirty jeans and have your sweaty cock and balls licked. Write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062 or call ★★7272.

Mentor Seeks Artist

GWM, 55, HIV-, 6'2", 200, mentor-type—seeks fit, accomplished, academically trained artist, desiring to succeed wildly with still lively gent. Mentor is fair, highly expectant, generous, stable, known, networker with sense of humor and humility. Shared interests would include warm companionship, mutual respect, widening net of influence, caring for one another, entertaining, career enhancement—with environments in S.F. and elsewhere to nurture close relationship with class. Mentor is top capable of commitment if the talent is there and sparks fly. Both parties are basically nice people—with fire inside the body ideating with the heads. Please send descriptive letter together with photos to BT Box AP134A.

Seeks Younger Partner

Attractive, fit, masculine, professional GWM top, 49, 5'11", 160 lbs., seeks slim 18–35ish GWM, GAM bottom. We are both HIV-, health conscious, nonsmokers/users, open-minded, caring, romantic, and share interests from the arts, fitness and movies to good sex together. If a solidly grounded partner who is open to real friendship and relationship sounds good to you, tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box AP135A.

Shell Station

8th and Harrison. Tuesday, April 31. Evening. You: Brown Bronco. Me: Red Civic. Let's meet. Call ★★7273.

A Platonic Exploration

could bring us gently together for a closer look with no pressure, or anything to lose but the games that we refuse to play. This 38-year-old East Bay GWM values honesty and trust, respects New Age spirituality and your vulnerability, and enjoys the ocean, old Hollywood, and life's simple pleasures. I'm 5'7", 150 lbs., brown/hazel, and have a slightly irreverent sense of humor. I probably prefer smooth-skinned men in the 25ish to 40ish age range, but care more about what's in your heart and mind. Please call ★★7274, and then write me.

Rituals Of Life

I am a shy QWM, green eyes, buzz-cut brown, 30, 135 lbs., 5'8", pierced, who wishes to share intellectually, sensually enlightening experience with one like me, who understands the intensity of human touch and honesty. One who is 25–35, appreciates the alternative realm, music and rituals of life. Encompassing peace and compassion. Quiet coffee houses and boisterous clubs complement the moods we encounter. Address my body, mind and spirit. Reply BT Box AP136A.

Outdoor Wild-Sex

BWM, 46, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown/blue, in good shape and healthy, HIV-. Love to give and receive good massage. Nonsmoker and no drugs. Like to meet younger men also in good shape, who like outdoors, to bring out the wild-ness out of both of us. Love to get together and let's see what will happen. Live in East Bay. Like to meet married men. Reply BT Box AP137A or call ★★7275.

Athletic Asian Seeks

a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual pleasures. No strings attached. I'm healthy, attractive, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3057 or call ★★7276.

Outdoor Adventures

Weekend bicycling, hiking, backpacking and regular evening gym workouts keep my well-toned physique in shape. If you are interested in outdoor adventures and nighttime passionate pleasures, let's share the fun. I'm a GWM, 5'11", 180 lbs., 35, brown eyes, HIV- who is a conservative, romantic, clean-cut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker. Let's be friends and perhaps more. Reply BT Box AP138A or call ★★7277.

Bit Tits, Big Belly—

and they're really sensitive. I'm 34, 5'10", 247 lbs., dark-haired, hairy, beard/moustache. I'm looking to meet a guy who loves to play with fat, round tits and nipples, and a large, full gut. I enjoy all types of sensual, imaginative tit and belly play, and have many fantasies in this area. How about you? You tell me yours and I'll tell you mine! Reply BT Box AP139A or call ★★7278.

Why Is This Ad Different From All The Other Ads?

It's not, but don't pass it over. You want someone masculine, successful, attractive, in shape, verbal, intelligent, HIV-? Me too. I'm a 38-year-old GWM, 5'8", 140 lbs.; an M.D. interested in finding similar types. Photo required and returned. Reply BT Box AP140A or call ★★7279.

Uncommon Black Male #2

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Slave Material Sought

by firm yet loving/caring attr mature GWM, 60s, for ongoing master/slave or daddy/son friendship, poss relationship. Into S/M, B/D, CBT, W/S, etc., but your limits respected. You are in shape, 18–40, gay, bi or even straight; I'll train you. "Sir," 537 Jones St., #1297, San Francisco 94102 or call ★★7281.

Dept. For Asian-American Affairs

GWM tour operator living part-time in Bali seeks GAM (SE Asian a plus). I am 46, bl/blnd, 5'7", 140 lbs., cleanshaven, hairy, hung, HIV-, N/S, N/D, interested in cultural/spiritual life. You are not so Americanized that you have lost your Asian soul. Sensual by nature, beyond game playing, you are ready for passion and unafraid of intimacy. Let's explore cross-cultural dynamics in and out of bed. Call ★★7282.

Can You Say...

GWM, 28, cute, honest, sense of humor, cleancut, tall, fit. I like reading, weight lifting, movies (film, too), music (oldies). Looking for guys to date, have sex with, hang out with, cut up with. (I'm a silly boy.) Not a marriage, not a trick. Can you say "buddy"? Reply BT Box AP142A or call ★★7283.

Muscular Asian Needs Buddy

Very cute 25 y.o. with smooth, tanned body seeks hot GM 20–35 for sex and friendship. I am 5'6", 135, defined lbs., sweet, masculine, educated, still vaguely romantic. Enjoy the usual: cafes, films, exotic food and the unusual: built, hunky, personable men. If you have what it takes to make this hot boy drool then call or write with vivid description, fantasies and photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP143A or call ★★7284.

Latin, 25, Looking For Friends

GLM, very proportionated, small, HIV-, wants to meet men, 35–45, mature and secure, who like world traveling, dining out, and many other interests. No drugs, alcohol or smokers. Reply BT Box AP144A or call ★★7285.

Curious About FF?

Me too. Kinky romantic, tall/lean Nordic type, swimmer's build, prof., masc., late 30s, HIV-, versatile but mostly top, pierced, seeks HIV-, monogamously inclined, nonsmoking partner for exploring intimate leathersex/SM/FF. Partner should share my fitness commitments (early to gym/drug free), and relationship interests (not just sex). Reply BT Box AP145A or call ★★7286.

Masculine Marathon Make Outs

Sound good? Let's go camping and sometimes give each other whisker burn. Foxy, handsome guy who is self-assured, not intimidated by meeting same, with long-term nurturing relationship in mind. Struggles and good times together. Me: masc., non-mainstream, down-to-earth, nonpretentious, HIV-, 39, 6'2", 185 lbs., big moust., lots of dk hair, worker-outer, straightforward, intelligent, housebroken but rough around the edges, N/S, N/D, wants special man to love. No deodorant/cologne a plus. You: lots like me, can relate to above, absolutely HIV-, straight appearing, non-affected, natural man with a man's mind who'd like to be niced and in loving relationship. Write w/photo a must. PO Box 31252, SF 94131 or call ★★7287.

My Fantasy/Dream Dad

He's a very special, fun, funny guy. We've never enough time to spend together. He loves me and loves my dog as well. We're proud of each other and worship each other, plus, when out in public, Dad doesn't let me out of his sight. He loves to go with me to science fiction conventions, craft fairs, and other places to sell my artwork/crafts. Tho he's a very possessive/domineering and take-control guy on the outside, at home he's vanilla to kink and lets me do a lot to, for and with him. He loves to tease and sometimes is a bit rough and overbearing, but I know how to handle him. He loves being my Dad and big brother, plus we're friends. Tho he wears military gear and leather a lot, he has a wide variety of other stuff he likes to wear as well; plus enjoys wearing what I want him to wear, even if it be a wet suit under camo coveralls. He enjoys being used and abused at play, yet he also likes to cuddle and make love. Dad enjoys a home life, as well as camping, hiking, walks, drives, plus. I also make him real happy and proud when we wear matching gear. He's a really great guy and liked by all he meets. I'm a GWM, artist/photographer, 5'8", 39, 195 lbs., blond/blue, hairy, HIV-, love country music/life. A great cook, many hobbies, Star Trekker, love rubber, leather, uniforms, costumes/masks, military gear, wear western gear a lot. Don't smoke or take drugs, but do like an occasional drink. I lost my lover/best friend of 10 years to a heart attack on January 9. If you're out there Dad, please write or call. Your loving and fun son. 537 Jones #213, SF 94102 or call ★★7288.

Outdoor Type Guy?

Handsome, straight-appearing white male, 32, 6'2", 165, wants to meet masculine white male, 24-38, who enjoys evening workouts, weekend bicycling, hiking and backpacking. I'm a conservative, romantic, cleancut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker and still believe in monogamy. You should have goals, strong values and be aerobically fit. Size of equipment unimportant, kissing expertise is. Can't dance but know how to be a good friend and lover. Call ★★7289.

You'll Walk That Fine Line

Dancing excitedly on the edge. If you're eager to savor the delights of bondage/discipline, control/authority games, training scenarios, tickling, vulnerability, spanking, slavery and intimate outdoor weekends with a hot, handsome, husky, creative and truly masterful 33 y.o. man, you deserve to reply. My strict standards are high: honesty, respect, trustworthiness, communication, versatility, talent and attractiveness. If it's right, we'll never forget it. Reply BT Box AP147A or call ★★7290.

Seeking ABC Boy

I need a horny, young (under 21) volunteer to be my lust object for practicing body worship and studying the depths of the orgasm. You will also serve as a guinea pig for new dinner recipes. Prefer lean, enthusiastic top with feral libido and a fondness for soul kissing. I humbly submit my muscular 25-year-old swimmer's body and warm velvety mouth for your abuse. Reply BT Box AP148A or call ★★7291.

Marin County

resident wants to know where the rest of the cute, friendly single gay men are in my neighborhood. There must be a few *SF Bay Times* readers who hang out at the square in downtown Mill Valley. If you're wondering where to meet some other youngish guys to hang out with to discuss politics or cruise the crowd at the Depot, then so am I. I'm mid-30s, cleanshaven, long haired, music industry and media type, easygoing, educated, independent, and tired of crossing the bridge to find a gay community. If there's so many of us in Marin, then where's everybody hiding? Reply BT Box AP149A or call ★★7292.

Searching For A Sensitive Brute

Are you sweet natured but look nasty? Are your thoughts even bigger than your brawn? Is your manner as refined as your manliness is raw? You may be the thoughtful thing of my dreams. I'm 30, 5'9", 170 lbs., blue-green eyes, brown hair and goatee. Like me, you're mature, articulate, giving, fun loving, sober, self-aware, ambitious but reasonably contented loving and looking for love. Write me at 2215-R Market, #452, SF or call ★★7293.

Human Response

G/Multi-ethnic/M, human acting/appearing, 28, 5'11", 150 lbs., HIV-, educated, employed, nonsmoker, meat eater and, at times, have been called a cynic. KKHI, KKSF and KFOG sum up my musical interests. I keep fit by bike riding and swimming. I am not a user of heavy drugs or alcohol. I enjoy film and television—esp. Sci-Fi and Comedy and occasional weekend excursions. I am content spending an evening in front of the TV with take-out food or an evening on the town. If you are 25–35ish, single, HIV-, physically active and fit, can maintain a sense of humor about almost anything and have similar interests or willing to share your own, please reply BT Box AP150A.

Masculine Top Sought

I'm very good-looking, 30s GWM, HIV-, youthful, intelligent, adventurous, sensitive to others, concerned about the environment, masculine, straight appearing, but aware of who I am. Seeking creative aware active friend and/or lover to explore the town and discover the unknown. Please be good-looking and interesting. Thanks! Reply to PO Box 425574, San Francisco 94142 or call ★★7294.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through June 9. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ **Women** ☐ **Men** ☐ **Bisexual** ☐ **Social Groups** ☐ **Shared Interests**

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

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_____ ☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00

☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:

____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . _____

_____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . _____

Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . _____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, APRIL 17

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

99.59%
Customer Satisfaction!*

Dear Readers:

In the month of January, the San Francisco Bay Times 900-number personals voice mail system had a customer satisfaction rating of 99.59 percent.

In fact, our rate of customer satisfaction has been significantly higher than the industry average standard since the beginning of our voice mail service.

Customer service is, and always has been, our highest priority. We take the time to answer your questions about the system, no matter how simple or complicated they may be. Whether you're running an ad or responding to one, we want you to feel like you understand the system—so you can have fun with it.

We know that many people are skeptical about using 900 numbers. That's why our voice mail system is as efficient and cost-effective as we can make it. We're constantly on the lookout for ways to improve the system, and we welcome your suggestions on how it might work better for you.

If you're not sure how to use the system, or if you have ideas about how we can make it better, please let us know! Call us at (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10AM until 6PM, and ask for Greta.

SF Bay Times Voice Mail Personals. We won't rest until you're satisfied socially.

*** Based on monthly invoices received from Pacific Bell. Chargeback rate of 0.41 percent for January 1992; 1.37 percent average since October 1990. Industry standard 4-6 percent.**

Sun And Moon
sexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm iscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, din- , the ocean. I realize answering this can ex- you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you r what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know e hit it off it won't matter what people say, and stand by you. (If you like what you've just read ut only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out ore call ★★4535.

"Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 1 94701 or call ★★4780.

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SHARED INTERES

Two-Step Partner
Ladakh, Zanskar (Tibetan kingdoms now in India) in July-Aug. Cross passes to 16000 feet. Visit monasteries. Possibly also tour in Malaysia, hike in Nepal. Open to other places, times. Go to most expensive hotels, only $5/day at most town of 3rd world! Write "World Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704.

Fiber Fanatics
respond to your October ad quick rounded fun to me. Would to knit, spin,

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ods for sex.

places. I am looking for someone who shar these interests and wants to explore life togetl Photo with letter please to: PO Box 231, Big S 93920.

No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger
or a flying saucer, or an atomic bomb, if tha what you're into. Don't come to me if you're hu up on bedding down Tom Cruise. I am, howev in control of my head and know who I am a what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", slim with bro hair and graying beard, HIV –, and I've been t I'm good-looking. And dammit, I am. But fla people do not get me hard and I need a m who has a real personality, is not into the "scen and is not afraid of committing to someone w ests and enjoys a walk in the pa the bars. Your loc

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I Believe You're Out There Somewhere
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh; smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have complicated schedule. In my dreams you're live in SF—so we can en- average body.

activities, also private que, independent wo 13) exploring, travel envisioning; 14) San 16) the outdoors; 1 18) barg-ains; 19 ing/songwriting. H Why haven't we r teresting possibilit 0-5. Next ad. R ★★4728.

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SAN FRANCISCO
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Celebrate WOMEN'S WEEKEND May 1-3 on the Alive and Exciting RUSSIAN RIVER!

Sports and Recreation

Golf—Challenge the redwoods at Northwood in a tournament! Call Alice at Garden Grill, (707) 869-2878.
Hike—Or ride horseback through the majestic redwoods of Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve.
Bring back a memento from **The Burl Shop**.
Bike, swim, or canoe, or plop down on a lawn and find pictures in the clouds.

Shop Till You Drop

An eclectic selection of casual, sport and resortwear at **Changes** and **Memories That Linger**; a whole lot of other goodies along Guerneville's Main Street.

Entertainment

Dancing, darts, disco, CW, pinball, pool or whatever at **Molly Brown's Saloon, Rainbow Cattle Co., Fifes** and **The Woods. PLUS....**

ZIGGURAT

Previewing the most spectacular music and entertainment showplace in Northern California.

Literature, Music, Art

The latest books on YOUR favorite topics at **By The Book**; an astonishing selection of magazines, CDs and tapes at **Last Word Newsstand/Music Corner**; and a special free art exhibit at **Quicksilver Mine Co.**: *In Her Image: The Goddess In Art.*

Dining Out, Dining In

Wake-up coffee, lunch, afternoon refreshers and good-time conversation at **Coffee Bazaar**; the best BBQ take-out (or deliver!) from **Breeze Inn**; people-watching and indoor-outdoor dining at **Sweet's Café**; the piquant Mexican cuisine of **Lalita's**; hearty chicken, burgers and steaks at **Molly Brown's Saloon**; and fine German-Continental fare at **Little Bavaria Restaurant and Wine & Biergarten**.

...and So Much More!

The natural beauty, the great people, the fine resorts, the fun activities, the moments to share with someone special. For more information, call the Russian River Chamber of Commerce at **(707) 869-9009** or the Russian River Region, Inc. at **1-800-253-8800**.

Renaissance Summer is coming to The River!

WOMENS WEEKEND 1992

May 1•2•3
Fifes & The Woods Resorts

FIFES

Fri , Sat & Sun Nights
Country Western Dancing (Lessons on Sunday!)

SATURDAY
Cinco De Mayo Festival & Concert 2pm & Crafts Fair (all day)
• **AZUCAR Y CREMA** "Salsa del Caribe" (8 pc. Salsa Band)
• **MARILYN PITTMAN** Comedianne & MC
• **JUNE & JEAN MILLINGTON & BAND** "World Beat"
• **WET T-SHIRT CONTEST**

THE WOODS

Hot House Dancing •Fri, Sat & Sun Nights
• **BLAZING SOUND & LIGHTSHOW**
• **FIVE BEAUTIFUL ACRES TO PLAY ON**
• LASERS & INTELLABEAMS • EROTIC GO-GO DANCERS
• ENORMOUS BONFIRE • **POOLSIDE BAR & BBQ** • **Sat & Sun**

SATURDAY • 8pm
GWEN AVERY - The Sugar Mama of Soul

SUNDAY
Day on the Green Concert 1pm • Crafts Fair & T-Dance
Party Amongst the Towering Redwoods
• **THE SHAPES** • Motown • Jazz & Pops
BARBARA HIGBIE & TERESA TRULL National Reunion Tour
• **DJ LANEY G** from Provincetown

GENERAL INFO:
Fine dining at FIFE'S RESTAURANT - The River's Finest Brunch & Dinner
Dinner Reservations 869-0656

CAMPING Still Available at FIFE'S • Prizes for Best Decorated Campsite

BRUNCH at The Woods Sat. & Sun.
AT THE DOOR TICKET PRICES
FRIDAY
Fifes • C &W Dancing • $3
The Woods • Erotic Dancing • $7

SATURDAY
Fifes • Festival • $12
C&W Dancing • $3
The Woods • Day Use • $5
Gwen Avery / Dancing • $10

SUNDAY
Fifes • Day Use $5
The Woods • Reunion Concert • $15

ADVANCE PURCHASE
ALL WEEKEND PASSES • $42
ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS FOR SUNDAY CONCERT • $12
AVAILABLE AT HEADLINES, CLAIRELIGHT BOOKSTORE & THE LAST WORD NEWSSTAND

FIFES:
1-800-734-3371 or 869-0656
16467 HWY 116, Guerneville, CA 95446
THE WOODS:
1-800-479-6637 or 869-0111
16881 Armstrong Woods Rd.